

Arabs keen to get on Carter's guest list

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Jerusalem Post Correspondent

The Arabs are keen to send a delegation to Washington to counter the projected invitation of Premier Yitzhak Rabin to President-elect Jimmy Carter next month. The Arabs are reportedly discussing the issue with the Americans, but they do not expect to be represented by their heads of state at this stage, with the possible exception of Jordan's King Hussein who is likely to make an early call on Carter. The Cairo commentators expect a delegation to include Egyptian Vice-President Moustafar and Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy, Syria's Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khadum and presidential political advisor Adib Daoudi and Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Fahd and Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal. Visits by Sadat and Assad might follow.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Fahmy last night said at the end of talks with Saudi Arabia's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Abdul-Rahman Abul-Khalil, that his country remained adamant in its insistence on reconvening the Geneva Middle East conference by next March to discuss an overall settlement to the Israel-Arab conflict.

Cairo's semi-official "Al-Ahram" daily reported that Fahmy conferred with U.S. Ambassador Herman Eilts to ask Washington to prepare, along with the Soviets, a "working paper" for the Geneva session. The U.S. and the Soviet Union are co-chairmen of the Geneva forum, which is also sponsored by the UN, whose Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim is considering touring the Middle East next month at the invitation of Egypt. "Al-Ahram" said that Egypt has asked the two Superpowers to outline their "specific concepts on the following issues:

- Their understanding of Israel's withdrawal from occupied Arab territories — the process of the pullback, its stages and limits.
- Their view on the establishment of demilitarized zones between Israel and its neighbouring Arab states.
- Their position with regard to providing bilateral and international guarantees to Israel and the Arabs.
- Their appraisal of a Palestinian state — its form, definition and boundaries.
- Their outlook on the future and status of Jerusalem.

Cairo Radio last night hinted that the Arabs would press on with their diplomatic offensive regardless of the government crisis in Israel. The offensive includes an axis combining Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Jordan as well as the Palestine Liberation Organization. Probably it was in this context that Syrian President Hafes Assad yesterday met with Jordan's Chief of the Royal Court Abdul-Hamid Sharaf and Premier Mofar Badran.

Assad also conferred yesterday with PLO chief Yasser Arafat. Arafat's newspaper said that the PLO leadership was facing an imminent large-scale reshuffle mainly aimed at pacifying radical groups within the movement. Arafat was due to arrive in Beirut last night to supervise the transfer of the PLO's heavy weapons to the Syrian-dominated Arab peace-keeping force in Lebanon. The head of the Marxist Popular Democratic Front of the Liberation of Palestine, Samir Hawatme, who is now in Syria, said that his men would give up their arms. He accused Rabin, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Israel of "conspiring to plunge the PLO into 'the claws' of a Geneva conference with Israel."

Approach roads to good fence to be paved

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Defence Minister Shimon Peres at the Cabinet yesterday that the approach roads to the clinics at the "good fence" along the Lebanon border would be paved on the Lebanese side before the heavy armaments are moved in.

The "good fence" arrangements working under the usual, he said, Lebanese citizens were turning in not inconsiderable numbers for medical treatment. During his survey of security in the area, Peres noted that things had been down in the areas after the construction there over the Value of Tax.

The Christmas festivities at Beth-ni attended by tens of thousands of tourists went off without hitch, he said. There had been problems with the pilgrimage of pilgrims from southern Lebanon. At the Cabinet, the political situation in Lebanon was surveyed. Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, the security situation by the Intelligence Chief.

Rothschild villa in Corsica bombed

STIA, Corsica. — An explosion rocked a holiday villa near Bastia, killing two French tourists and wounding three, a French newspaper said yesterday.

Carter 'Man of the Year' Must first meet Rabin, Sadat, Assad before M.E. moves

By WOLF BLITZER
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WASHINGTON. President-elect Jimmy Carter says that the first thing he should do in attempting to reach additional progress towards peace in the Middle East is to meet personally with Prime Minister Rabin, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, Syrian President Hafes al-Assad and others in order to decide what "public proposal" the U.S. might initiate to revive Arab-Israeli peace talks.

But Carter does not yet know whether such "exploratory meetings" would be appropriate before the Israel elections.

In an interview with "Time" magazine, the President-elect was asked whether he agrees with the Soviet view that the Geneva Middle East peace conference should be resumed as soon as possible. Carter replied:

"I don't yet know to what extent the U.S. should play a role in initiating a date for such a conference. I think the first step should be for me to meet with Mr. Rabin, Mr. Sadat, Mr. Assad and others and then to decide what public proposal we might make to initiate any peace talks. Whether it would be appropriate to try to have exploratory meetings before the Israeli elections, I don't really know yet."

The interview, which coincided with "Time's" naming of Carter as its "Man of the Year," was the President-elect's first public reaction to the last governmental crisis in Jerusalem. It follows considerable

press speculation that Prime Minister Rabin would like to visit Washington early next year to meet with Carter, even though he would be heading a caretaker government.

In a separate interview with "Time" magazine, meanwhile, Rabin said that the elections will not affect Israel's relations with the outside world.

"Now that the action has been taken," Rabin said, "I am at peace with myself. As far as relations with the outside world are concerned, our efforts will not stop. Ministers come and go, but we won't leave the door to the Arabs."

Rabin said that he "fulfilled my duty as Premier" by firing the three National Religious Party ministers from the Cabinet. "Believe me," he continued, "the actions taken by the NRP ministers would have interfered with Israel's democratic system."

"It was my duty therefore to ask for their resignations. Democracy is more important than an officeholder. I did not start all this. I did not want to dissolve the Knesset and call early elections. General elections are not some kind of sports event. You don't play around with them."

The Prime Minister accused the NRP ministers of not adhering to the "basic principle of collective Cabinet responsibility," which is fundamental "to our constitutional law. They have undermined any ability to maintain a coalition and a working Cabinet."

Extremism from Sadat, Assad

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The recent summit between Syrian President Hafes Assad and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in Cairo was climaxed by extremist announcements which do not contribute to Middle East peace, Foreign Minister Yigal Allon said yesterday at the weekly Cabinet session.

The two Arab heads of state called for a total Israeli withdrawal for the return of the Palestinian "to their homeland," for the establishment of a Palestinian state and for a return to the old Rabat formula about the status of the PLO (as sole representative of the Palestinian people).

Allon also quoted a Damascus Radio broadcast of December 22 in the "Palestine Corner" series which said that Israel must be liquidated

if the rights of the Palestinians were to be restored and Palestine liberated. "The Arabs will render Israel an account which includes not only Jerusalem, Nablus, Gaza, Sinai and the Golan, but primarily Tel Aviv, Haifa, Jaffa and Nazareth," the broadcast said.

Allon said Assad and Sadat wanted to replace Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 as the basis for the Geneva Conference, by the General Assembly resolutions calling for the realization of the rights of the Palestinian people and participation of the PLO at the Conference.

Israel's United Nations Ambassador Chaim Herzog had told Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim that the Geneva Conference cannot convene if its basis is not Resolutions 242 and 338, Allon said.

66 held in West Bank as terrorist suspects

BY HURSH GOODMAN
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Security authorities have arrested 66 persons in Judea and Samaria suspected of belonging to terrorist organizations. Some are suspected of acts of terrorism but many are believed to be youngsters accused of provoking violent demonstrations by high school children in recent months.

The arrests, made over the past few days, were announced last night by the Army spokesman.

Those arrested belonged to eight separate cells — four with affiliation to Fatah, three run by the Democratic Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine under the leadership of Naef Hawatme, and one belonging to the General Command under Ahmed Jabril.

One of the Fatah cells was uncovered following the investigation into an explosion in Hebron on

December 4, in which three men were killed. The security authorities are convinced that they were killed while preparing an explosive charge.

The authorities attribute several terrorist actions in Hebron to the cell, including explosions at the local labour exchange, the Hebron post office and at a restaurant operated by settlers from Kiryat Arba in November this year.

Two other Fatah cells were uncovered in the village of Raja on the Kalkiya-Nablus road, and at Ya'bad, just west of Jenin.

Three other cells, one each of Fatah, the Democratic front and the General Command were found in the Jalzuun refugee camp, north of Ramallah. Two more groups, both affiliated to the Democratic front, were found in Beit Wajjan, near Nablus.

The authorities report that they found a quantity of arms ammunition and sabotage materials.

Financier Flatto out on record bail

Jerusalem Post Staff

The unprecedented sum of IL10m. was set as bail in the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday when financier Samuel Flatto (Sharon) was freed pending extradition proceedings in connection with charges in France of fraud and tax evasion.

Magistrate Eliyahu Ben-Zimra set stiff additional conditions for Flatto's release. He must deposit all passports he holds with the police and give an undertaking not to leave the country during the legal proceedings. A restraining order is to be placed in the government's favour on his investments in the new central bus station building in Tel Aviv, in the "Diszengoff Centre" project and other properties in his control.

If he fails to keep to any of these conditions, Flatto will be remanded in custody for 15 days. If, on the other hand, no formal move is made within thirty days to ask a competent court for his extradition, all the restrictions will be lifted.

Dressed in an elegantly-cut grey suit, Flatto was escorted out of court by police. He was joined by his wife, and three lawyers — his own legal representative, Yitzhak Tulk, an additional lawyer from his company, and a French attorney.

Police representative Sgan-Nitzav Yoram Gonen, opening the proceed-

ings with a request that Flatto be remanded in custody for 15 days, told a crowded courtroom that the French authorities had asked for Flatto's extradition on the grounds that he is suspected of fraud, theft, receiving stolen property and attempting to bribe a public official or an official of a French company.

The sums involved amounted to 400m. French francs, equivalent to IL1b. Gonen said. It was alleged that the acts took place between 1971 and 1973.

Gonen described what he called Flatto's "strange tendency to mislay passports" when he told the court that, since the financier assumed new immigrant status in Israel in 1972, he had received no fewer than five passports, some of them in different names, with the knowledge of the Interior Ministry. He had travelled abroad many times since then.

It would not be difficult for Flatto to obtain a forged travel document and leave the country if released on bail, Gonen claimed. Flatto's own private yacht was known to be making for Israel, he added.

According to Flatto's attorney, his client had met all his financial obligations in France by 1973. Asking the court to reject the police application for Flatto's remand in custody, Tulk expressed astonishment

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Alignment delegation, including, left to right, Labour Party secretary-general Meir Zarmi, Labour Minister Moshe Baran, MK Nuzhat Katzar and Knesset Whip Moshe Wertzman, leaving Beit Hanassi yesterday after meeting President Katsir.

Alignment in isolation at Cabinet session

By ASHER WALLEISH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Cabinet adopted a "business as usual" slogan yesterday when it held its first session as a caretaker Government in the wake of Prime Minister Rabin's resignation last week.

The Alignment sat in splendid isolation, without the three ministers from the National Religious Party who were expelled for infringing Coalition discipline and the two ministers from the Independent Liberal Party who left of their own accord.

By next week's Cabinet session some or all of the absent five may be back in their seats attending to their portfolios — depending on how the High Court rules this week on pleas filed by the Attorney-General (with regard to the ILP) and private citizens (with regard to the NRP) asking cause to be shown why they should not stay in the Government. In any case, the Prime Minister said he would keep the three NRP portfolios in his charge for the time being. He would not appoint deputy ministers in their place. Anticipating that the three NRP men will stay out, Rabin yesterday conferred with the directors-general of the Interior, Religious Affairs and Social Welfare Ministries (which were held by the three NRP ministers) and discussed their current operations. He said he would hold more such meetings regularly.

Rabin asked Attorney-General Prof. Aharon Barak to explain to the Cabinet the legal situation with regard to the High Court's move. Barak said the legal arguments advanced in the pleas had been anticipated before the Prime Minister took his decisions and did not come as any surprise.

Justice Minister Haim Zadok said the Government had not taken a single step without the guidance of Prof. Barak. The law about ministers' collective responsibility whereby the NRP ministers were expelled had never yet been applied before last week and it had never yet stood the test of the courts, he said. It was therefore not extraordinary if people challenged the Attorney-General's opinion and so it was natural for the resultant difference of opinion to be brought before the courts.

Zadok assured questioner Victor Shemtov (Mapam-Health) that the Government had no desire to force the ILP ministers to stay against their will, but the issue was to clarify their status. A legal ruling to this effect was in the interest of the Government, the two ministers,

and the public at large. Zadok said the whole matter was sub judice but he felt the Attorney-General's case would strike the learned justices as a reasonable, logical and well-founded thesis that held water, when the pleas came before them.

At the start of the session, Rabin said the Government would not change its policy as a result of assuming caretaker status. Of course, it would adjust its operations to its new parliamentary status (as a minority).

Asked for his reaction to the orders issued on Friday by Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohn which might return the NRP ministers to the Cabinet — MK Zevulun Hammer said that he "had no interest" in returning, since the Government voted to dismiss the NRP ministers. If, however, the court ruled that they must return, they would not insult the court by refusing to follow the order.

Joining the list of applications to the High Court of Justice over the government crisis was one by a Bar-Ilan University law student which resulted in an order met yesterday.

The order, intended to keep the three former NRP ministers in the Government, was identical to one issued on Friday. Both are addressed to the Prime Minister and the three NRP men. The student, Haim Stanger, attempted to get an order forcing the three to participate in yesterday's Cabinet meeting, but the court rejected this.

Entebbe voted 9th top story of '76

NEW YORK. — The Israel raid on Entebbe was one of only two non-U.S. stories among the top 10 news stories of the year, as chosen in an annual poll of editors and news directors of Associated Press member newspapers and broadcasting stations.

The IDF raid on the Ugandan airport ranked ninth in the poll, which was headed by Jimmy Carter's election victory over Gerald Ford. Second was the other foreign story, the deaths of Chinese leaders Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai.

The top ten: 1. Carter's victory; 2. Mao's death; 3. The U.S. Bicentennial; 4. The U.S. economy; 5. "Legionnaires' disease" in Pennsylvania; 6. Viking landing on Mars; 7. Washington sex scandals involving Congressman Wayne Hays; 8. Patty Hearst trial; 9. Entebbe; 10. California school bus kidnapping. (AP)



Samuel Flatto (Sharon) and his wife at the Jerusalem court yesterday. (Rahamim Yisraeli)

May 17 date held likely for elections

Legislation within fortnight; Katzir starts party consultations

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
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TEL AVIV. — Elections to the 8th Knesset will probably be held on May 17, a compromise date, although negotiations between the parties have not yet been concluded, Knesset faction leaders told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

They made the statement after President Ephraim Katzir yesterday began a series of meetings in Jerusalem with party leaders about the possibility of forming a new government after Prime Minister Rabin's resignation last week. "These talks are viewed as only a technicality as the Knesset this week begins debating legislation to set the date for a general election and Rabin would then continue to head his present caretaker government."

The Alignment today is expected to table a bill calling for elections on May 31 but its Knesset whip, Moshe Wertzman, told The Post that he believes the bill will be passed May 17. The Likud's bill is expected to call for elections on May 3 but MK Menashe Begin told Herut's Central Committee yesterday evening that he would settle "for no later than May 17." The outgoing Minister of Social Welfare, Zevulun Hammer, told The Post his National Religious Party also "tends" to favour the May 17 date.

An Alignment source said yesterday he expected legislation on the new election date to be concluded within a fortnight, barring unforeseen difficulties.

President Katzir yesterday morning opened his round of consultations by receiving the Alignment delegation.

The delegation told him the Alignment was initiating earlier elections and dissolution of the Knesset. But should the President decide to ask a Knesset member to try and form a new cabinet — he should approach Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

In an obvious reference to talk about the possibility of establishing an alternative government by the Likud, Katzir asked the Alignment what makes them so sure another member cannot form a cabinet. Wertzman replied: "There is a clear majority in the Knesset to block any attempt to form a Likud government."

About four hours after that meet-

ing the Likud delegation arrived at Beit Hanassi.

They said they had realized long ago that elections are the only solution. Present difficulties could not be solved as long as the Alignment and other coalition partners were in power, they argued.

The Likud delegates also said the caretaker government is now backed only by a minority in the Knesset and they feared the Alignment will take advantage of the offices it controls to influence election results (because people may be made economically dependent on them).

Therefore, the Likud recommended that the President ask Begin to try and form a new cabinet. The Likud's Knesset whip, Moshe Nisim, said he had no illusions Begin's chances were any better than Rabin's, but Rabin did not want to form a new cabinet before the elections.

The President's consultations will be resumed at 11 a.m. today when he receives the NRP's delegation.

The NRP has decided to recommend a government of national unity, including representatives of all Zionist factions, to replace the caretaker government until the May elections. If Rabin would not want to head it, the President should ask Begin or Yossel Burg, the outgoing Minister of Interior, to try and form one.

The NRP faction will this morning consider an alternative proposal by Hammer, who suggested that a Knesset Member such as the Likud's Elimelech Rimalt (who has announced his decision to quit politics) head a Cabinet of experts.

The defence portfolio, for example, could be given to former Chief of Staff Day-Alur (res.) Haim Laskov or Alur (res.) Moshe Arzi and the foreign affairs portfolio to Israel's former ambassador to the UN, Yosef Telokah.

Such a government should run affairs until after the May elections, he suggested. At three o'clock, the President will receive the representatives of the Torah Religious Front. MK Kaiman Kahana told The Post he will tell the President that the "game" of proposing prime ministers doesn't appear to him because it's clear no one will be able to form a government. He said he will advocate elections in the earliest possible date.

Yadin seen holding whip hand in talks on centre bloc

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Yigael Yadin's Democratic Movement for Change (DMC) has been holding talks with leaders of the Citizens' Rights Movement (CRM), the Free Centre and with Ariel Sharon's movement, "Shlomzion" on possible merger. But a source in the DMC was sceptical about the prospects of an agreement.

A meeting between Yadin and Sharon, in Jerusalem yesterday, ended inconclusively but the two agreed to meet again.

The centre parties want to form a bloc to compete with the Alignment and the Likud. Free Centre Leader Shmuel Tamir yesterday predicted such a bloc could win 35 to 40 seats in the 120-seat Knesset.

But the DMC has posed conditions. A source in the movement said it would not join any mergers, but members of other movements could join the DMC as individuals and stand for election like everybody else, to the top positions.

The DMC can afford to oppose mergers with other movements be-

cause public opinion polls showed it would gain 20 or more seats in the Knesset while Tamir and Shulamit Aloni of the (CRM) would only gain one each, the source said.

The source said the movement was suspicious of Tamir's views because they changed frequently. Tamir told reporters yesterday that since he was ending its term he believed his membership in the Free Centre would not be a stumbling bloc if there was a real desire to merge.

The DMC source said he did not believe there were significant ideological differences with the CRM's Aloni. But it wasn't easy to demand she quit the Knesset, Aloni was elected on a CRM ticket and if she resigns — Ram Ron would take her place as needed on the CRM list. Ron joined Yadin's movement last week.

The source was not optimistic about the prospects of Sharon joining the DMC. Yadin told The Post there were no differences on internal issues but their views on foreign and security policies were divergent.

Broadcast workers toughen sanctions

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Broadcasting Authority administrative workers have intensified their work to rule. The sanctions, which have been in effect since last Wednesday, were tightened from six o'clock yesterday evening.

The action by the workers has caused intermittent disruptions to both radio and television broadcasts, but these were felt widely for the first time on Saturday night when a number of football matches were not televised.

Several radio programmes also failed to go on the air as the office staff involved was not receiving nor dispatching records and tapes, or connecting telephone calls. As a result, members of the Authority's managerial committee failed to receive mailed notices of yesterday's meeting, at which the issue of commercial television was discussed. However, most of them were informed in time by other means.

At present, some of the administrative workers are graded according to the general scale of wages (druag la'ahid), others according to the "journalists" scale. Those on the general scale claim they are getting up to IL500 a month less than the "journalists," while doing the same work.

A member of the administrative workers' committee told The Post that the workers felt they were treated as government employees only in terms of salary, while their working conditions and hours were much more difficult than the average. The workers involved include crucial maintenance, stores and safety operatives.

One of the effects of the sanctions is that the complex and generally effective transport system, on which the radio and television news and feature services, as well as the clerical workers, depend for their efficient functioning, is not working.

This means in effect that journalists and late-shift news typists who work from four to eleven in the morning, or six to twelve-thirty at night, are each ordering their own taxis to and from work or on assignments at the Broadcasting Authority's expense, instead of sharing vehicles on a coordinated basis worked out by the Authority's transport department.

The management committee did not take up the question of the sanctions at its meeting yesterday.

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THE WEATHER

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Station	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem	15-23	12-22
Golan	9-17	8-16
Nahariya	10-18	9-17
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Tiberias	10-15	9-14
Nazareth	9-14	8-13
Afula	10-15	9-14
Shomron	10-15	9-14
Tel Aviv	15-23	12-22
E-G Airport	15-23	12-22
Jericho	11-19	10-18
Gaza	11-19	10-18
Beer Sheva	11-19	10-18
Dimona	11-19	10-18
Tiran Straits	11-19	10-18

Social and Personal

Rumanian Ambassador Ion Covaci last night was host at a reception in Tel Aviv in honor of Rumania's 25th anniversary of independence. Present were Yitzhak Kohn, head of the Israel-Rumania Friendship Society, and MK Yehuda Sha'ari, among other guests.

Four mayors and a past deputy mayor have received prizes from the Union of Local Authorities for their achievements in the field of municipal work and development. The prizes, each worth IL7,500, were awarded at a ceremony at Netanyahu's King Solomon Hotel last week to Pinhas Eylon, mayor of Holon since 1953 and chairman of the Local Authorities' Union; Yehiel Ben-Tov, chairman of the Ofakim Local Council since 1969; Zvi Zilker, Ashdod's mayor since 1969; Moshe Tsahar, long-time mayor of Tiberias; and Abraham Shechterman, MK, former deputy mayor of Tel Aviv, who was responsible for turning Old Jaffa into an artists' quarter.

Jonathan Mendlow of the Political Science Department of the Hebrew University will lecture this evening at the Hebrew University Forum on "The Political Situation Today" — 8 o'clock, at the United Synagogue Centre, 2 Rehov Agmon, Jerusalem.

Baruch Duvidov will be the guest speaker at a post-Hanukkah party of the Igud Olim Dayim tomorrow at 8 p.m. at Hefetz Shalom.

Staying at the King David Hotel: Milton Shapp, Governor of Pennsylvania. (Communicated)

The South African Zionist Federation Luncheon Club meets on Thursday, December 30, 1976 at one o'clock, Sinai Hotel, Rehov Trumpeldor. Tel Aviv Speaker: Aluf (Res.) Ariel Sharon, on "Current Events." Come early. Reservations essential. Phone 03-290131. Lunch: IL25 per person. (Communicated)

BIETH
ERHARD — To Rachel and Gideon Erhard, a son, brother to Ron and Donna.

ARRIVALS
David Schweitzer, coach of the Israel national football team, from Bangkok, where he saw the King's Cup tournament.

ILIM WIN IN SPORTOTO

A Bat Yam man guessed all 13 games in Saturday's Sportoto football pool and won IL1m. The second prize was shared by 138 persons who guessed 12 correct outcomes; each will get approximately IL3,500. Next week's prizes guarantee a minimum of IL2,250,000.

Two children poisoned

LYDDA. — An entire family was rushed to hospital at Tarfina yesterday when they began to suffer from unexplained symptoms. Two sisters, aged three and four, were dead on arrival.

The Hadour family, consisting of husband and wife and the two little girls, as well as a guest, 17-year-old Rajia Shaker, apparently ate poisoned food. A police investigation discovered the food in the family's home. (Itim)

A CABLECAR from Upper Nazareth to Mount Tabor will be constructed at a cost of IL50m. The investors are from abroad.

With great sorrow, we announce the death of our mother and dear grandmother

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Funeral arrangements will be announced

Naomi and Akiva Pomerantz and the grandchildren

The unveiling of a memorial for the late

Rabbi Dr. NATHAN DRAZIN

will be held at the Sanhedria Cemetery, Jerusalem on Tuesday, Tevet 7, 5737 (December 28, 1976) at 3.30 p.m. Friends are invited to attend.

Mrs. Drazin and children

The Conservative Congregation, Beit Yisrael, Netanya joins Sonia in her grief at the untimely passing of her husband

BEN ZION GUTTMAN

The funeral will be held today, December 27, at 12 noon, at the Shikun Havaikim Cemetery, Netanya.

State to take legal action Egged cuts service by 5 per cent more

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — As Egged cut its bus services by about 5 per cent yesterday, for the second time in a fortnight, a number of complaints on the cuts have been handed by the Transport Ministry to the Attorney-General, who, *The Jerusalem Post* learned, intends to bring some of them to court.

But Egged spokesman Rafi Rosenberg told *The Post* that the cuts were essential if the cooperative is not to be choked by its deficit. Rosenberg claimed Egged can't wait for the implementation of the Golomb Committee proposals on public transport before starting on its economies.

The cuts are expected to save the cooperative about IL200,000 per day. Its daily deficit is estimated at IL500,000.

But the Controller of Road Transport at the Ministry of Transport, Ya'acov Malka, told the Egged secretariat yesterday that the cooperative has no legal right to make changes in the frequency with which it operates its bus lines. In every case where a departure from the licensed timetable was found, Malka warned, the ministry would take legal steps against Egged.

A ministry spokesman said that ministry inspectors were out on the roads throughout the country yesterday, watching the effects of the cuts. The public has been asked to report cuts in routes in regular use.

The general feeling in the Egged management about the Transport Ministry's tough attitude to the latest cuts is that the fine for signing cheques with no cover is

bigger than that imposed for cutting services without permission. Rosenberg claimed that 700 buses are now out of service because the cooperative cannot afford the duty on spare parts which are being held in bonded warehouses. Rosenberg also said that cuts would take place only in slack hours, and on lines where the number of passengers is small.

Meanwhile the Egged secretariat seems to have been thrown into a state of shock by the recommendations of the Golomb Committee. The secretariat met for six hours yesterday, much longer than the usual weekly session and failed to produce a unified reaction to the proposals.

A secretariat member told *The Jerusalem Post* angrily: "They (the Government and the Golomb Committee) don't take into consideration the fact that we are a new executive. The committee's report was based on the way Egged was run by the old guard. They are refusing to take this into account, so we'll have to take firm steps."

Observers felt this could mean that a public transport strike may be in the offing.

Egged's secretariat will continue its meeting on the Golomb recommendations today and will call in "experts" who will report on different aspects of the committee's findings. Then the seven-member secretariat may refer the issue to the cooperative's 30-man management committee, and there is a feeling that it may ultimately be referred to the 130-member assembly to decide on the concerted response.

One senior official of Egged told *The Post*: "This is the worst crisis Egged has ever faced."

Peretz to start serving 2-month sentence soon

Former Ashdod Port labour leader Yehoshua Peretz is expected to begin serving a two-month jail sentence soon, after the Supreme Court yesterday rejected his appeal to reduce the jail term and IL5,000 fine levied for his closing down the port on July 9, 1975.

In his appeal, Peretz had claimed that the sentence was excessive. In refusing to cut the punishment, the court said it would not have interfered even if the sentence had been more severe.

Peretz was sentenced in Ashdod Magistrate's Court to October 1975 and appealed to the District Court prior to reaching the Supreme Court.

Peretz, angry because a border policeman had asked him for identification at the port gate, had port workers block the port gate and shut down all operations. According to testimony at the trial, he told the policeman: "Sweetheart, you'll soon know who Yehoshua Peretz is."

(Itim)

Flatto

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that the French authorities had asked only now for extradition proceedings to be started, after a full year of contact between the police forces of France and Israel on the matter.

Giving judgment on the police application after a short adjournment, magistrate Ben-Zimra said he did not find Flatto's remand in custody essential to extradition. Flatto had not tried to escape from Israel during the past year, even though he knew of the contacts going on between the French and Israeli police forces.

The Justice Ministry spokesman said yesterday that France has not asked for the extradition of Flatto. He explained that the French Government had asked that the financier be held in preparation for an extradition request.

The spokesman said the request came in mid-December, while Flatto was out of the country. The businessman claimed that the Israeli authorities, who knew of the accusations against him for over a year, only acted now in order to extract information from him relating to the investigation of Aharon Rubinstein.

Flatto was held by the police on Friday as he arrived at Ben-Gurion Airport.

The spokesman also affirmed that there was, in fact, an extradition treaty with France. In 1971, the lack of such a treaty made it impossible to extradite Claude Lipsky, a French Jewish businessman who sought refuge from fraud charges in France. Lipsky eventually returned to France voluntarily and is serving an eight-year sentence there.

To order extradition, a court must be convinced that the alleged crimes are not of a political nature. Flatto has claimed that the French are acting against him because he recently published a book there, calling on all French Jews to claim Israeli citizenship.

Abramov won't run for Knesset

Jerusalem Post Reporter
S.Z. Abramov (Likud) will not run for the next Knesset. He disagrees with the acceptance by his party (the Liberals) of the Land of Israel views expounded by their coalition partner, Herut.

Abramov was first elected on the General Zionist ticket in 1959 and served in the following five parliaments. During the last Knesset he was one of four members (the others were Arye Eliav, Binjamin Halevy and Shalom Levin) who sponsored the "Proclamation of the Four," calling for territorial compromise.

Political sources intimate that the recent resignation of another Knesset member, Elimelech Rimalik, from his position as chairman of the Liberals may have been similarly motivated, though he himself has made no statement to this effect.

Abramov made his intentions known to his faction in September. He will continue to be active in political life. Asked whether he plans in the future to join another party, he said: "At the present time, I don't know."

Yagury joins Free Centre

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Sgan-Aluf (res.) Asaf Yagury, the most senior Israeli officer taken prisoner by the Egyptians during the Yom Kippur War, yesterday announced he had joined the Labour Party and joined the Free Centre.

He will be the party's secretary-general, replacing Eli Haritan, who resigned for personal reasons. Yagury joined Shmuel Tamir's movement along with several other former Labour Party members, he told a press conference here.

Rakach re-elects leaders

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Rakach (New Communist) Central Committee yesterday re-elected MK Meir Wilner as its secretary-general and MK Tewfik Tubi as his deputy.

Rakach also expressed the hope that the Knesset election campaign would not delay the convening of the Geneva Middle East talks. It also called on the Government to withdraw its opposition to participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization at the proposed talks.

1 killed, 6 hurt on roads in south

ASHKELOM. — One person was killed and six were injured in accidents on roads near here Saturday night and yesterday morning. The fatalities occurred south of Gaza, early yesterday morning, when a six-year-old boy, Ali Lokh, was run over by a taxi as he tried to cross the main road. The driver was detained for questioning.

Six persons were injured, one of them seriously, in a head-on crash between a car and a truck on the coastal road. Sixty of Ashdod were Sami David, 62, of Ashdod, the driver of the truck, and four members of the Hassan family — Yosef, the father, 25; his wife Gaila; and their children Guy, 8, and Gil, 3.

UPPER NAZARETH residents who refused to serve on the Civil Guard were fined from IL50 to IL500 yesterday under a municipal by-law.



Crew of the fishing boat Nahshol caught this shark, 2.5 metres long and weighing 200 kilos, off Rafiah on Friday. (Uzi Keren)

Tel Aviv soccer rivals to say it with flowers

TEL AVIV. — Players of arch-rivals Tel Aviv Hapoel and Tel Aviv Maccabi will come onto the field at Bloomfield Stadium this Saturday carrying bouquets of flowers, which they will toss into the stands, the heads of the two teams announced yesterday. The unusual move will be part of an attempt to make the "Derby" between the two soccer teams a "festive" occasion.

The two sports organizations held a press conference at Beit Sokolov yesterday, saying that they wanted to make sure the game would be played in a sporting atmosphere. Mordechai Nivetz, the Hapoel secretary in the Tel Aviv area,

said that the teams "didn't want to hear boos and curses coming from the stands, but rather support the players" with cheers. Maccabi chairman Uzi Netanel called on the media to join the two organizations in encouraging a "sporting spirit" at the match.

Maccabi official Eliezer Wakman said that he was sure that his team would come out on top, "in goals, but in nothing else." He added that the gap between the two sports organizations had narrowed, and that the teams shared a strong "local patriotism" for Tel Aviv. (Itim)

Crop thieves caught in act

Jerusalem Post Reporter
BEIT SHE'AN. — Border Police units assigned here recently to guard crops have made their first arrests, it was learned yesterday.

The units apprehended thieves at the fish ponds and in avocado groves at Sde Nahum, Shihut and Reshafim.

The radio-equipped mobile units were called in to put a halt to increasing crop thefts in the area. Authorities said that they expected the arrests, and the presence of the patrols, to act as a deterrent.

Negev farmers re-plant wheat

Jerusalem Post Reporter
BEERSHEVA. — Farmers in the South have begun sowing their fields anew, having written off much of the winter wheat crop because of lack of rain.

About 40 millimetres have fallen in the area stretching from Masmiya to Sha'ar Hanegev, and in the Western Negev. In the Southern Negev, between 7 and 20 millimetres have been registered so far. The two areas usually produce about 60 per cent of Israel's winter field crops.

Nat'l Insurance presents a programme Living in dignified retirement



(Uzi Keren)

By MARSHA POMERANTZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter
IT TAKES more than a gold watch and kind words to help the retiring worker face the morning when he no longer has an office to go to. That help must begin long before the watches are given out and good-byes exchanged.

These assumptions underlie the National Insurance Institute's new retirement-preparation programme, the first of its kind to be implemented in government offices. Rachel Paker, of the NII's social services department (for employees), pushed the programme through its various stages of development, and recently explained to *The Post* how it works.

When Fuschia Rednik (let us call her) of the Accounts Department in the Haifa branch turns 50, she gets a visit from Paker or one of the other two social workers in social services. "What are you planning to do next year, when you retire?" is the question they put. The chances are that Rednik will give them the cold shoulder. After all, she has a whole year to go. Besides, there are many things she's always wanted to do. Spend time with the grandchildren, for instance. And what do these sweet young social workers understand? She, Fuschia, remembers the good old days, 20 years ago, when people knew how to work.

Gradually, Paker said, those contacted (50 persons out of some 3,000 employees are retiring in 1977) were more willing to talk about their hopes and fears — about life without the paternal institution. The programme is now three-quarters of the way through its first run, and Paker is encouraged by the results. "More people are beginning to feel that retirement from the job is not retirement from life," she said.

Long before the first meetings with the likes of Fuschia Rednik, Paker looked around to see what was being done for retiring workers in other sectors. A retirement association in Haifa, headed by Yael Kremer, does a great deal for industrial employees, she said. Air industries had a worthwhile discussion day for workers — but for those who were nearly out of the system already. "We met with other representatives of the social services for government employees, but learned that we knew more than they did," she said.

Through consultations with experts in the field of ageing and talks with participants in the process, Paker and her staff refined some of the problems common to most retirees. The programme they set up included a day of discussion every three months.

The agenda began with objective information: the pensioners' rights to services; partial employment and the tax snare; physical health and

Rabid dog shot after biting three persons

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The spectre of rabies has reappeared in Jerusalem. An infected dog was shot dead on a dimly lit slope in Manahat (Malcha) on Saturday evening by a physician going to his neighbour's assistance, after the animal, a pointer, had bitten at least three persons.

Municipal veterinarians are trying to determine whether the pointer might have been bitten by the small white mongrel which was killed two weeks ago after infecting 65 persons. At the time, it had been feared that the mongrel may have bitten other dogs, which would themselves come down with rabies. Rabies would generally appear within two to five weeks in such cases.

The pointer bit two persons in Katamon Het about 7.30 p.m. Saturday. Shortly afterwards, it entered Manahat, where it began to attack the village dogs.

"There was this incredible howling," said Yitzhak Atlas, who was himself to be bitten. "I'd never heard anything like it."

When Atlas heard barking from his own watchdog, chained outside, he opened his door and saw the pointer in his yard. It was bleeding from a head wound; it had been grazed by a shot from another resident. Standing in his doorway, Atlas feigned a kick hoping to frighten the dog. Instead, the pointer leaped at him and seized his leg. The dog refused to let go, and Atlas had to struggle before he could free himself and slam the door shut.

He hurriedly telephoned his

Unleashed dogs to be killed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem Municipality warned yesterday that any dog wandering free in the city will be killed, even if it is wearing a muzzle.

Municipal veterinarian Dr. Tomi Blumenfeld said that dog owners had begun to relax after the apparent abatement of the rabies scare earlier this month, and were permitting their dogs to roam unleashed.

Health Ministry officials warned residents not to pet or play with any strange dog. Some 100 stray dogs have been killed in the past three weeks by the Municipal Veterinary Department.

neighbour, a physician whose house is upstate. The doctor ran out into the darkness with his pistol and shot the dog from a distance of about 10 metres, in the pale light coming from a bulb outside the house. The doctor was spooked with the dog's blood, and will visit the district health office today to determine whether he requires inoculation.

Atlas declined to identify his neighbour, but municipal officials confirmed his story. Lab tests yesterday found that the pointer was rabid.

Policeman said cleared of perjury

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The police last night refused to comment on reports that Sgan-Nitzav Shaul Marcus had been cleared of the most serious of the charges against him in connection with his handling of the Rachel Heller murder case.

Marcus was severely censured by the Supreme Court last July, when the court dismissed an appeal by Avner Baranes, convicted killer of Rachel Heller. Marcus was reprimanded for having his subordinates tell a lower court the police wanted Baranes remanded on suspicion of committing an indecent act. He was also criticized for his failure to keep a proper record of Baranes' interrogation.

According to one press report, a police investigator cleared Marcus of the charge of perjury — that is, hiding from the lower court that the police suspected Baranes of the Heller murder.

The Justice Minister said two weeks ago, in answer to a parliamentary question, that Marcus would be put before a police disciplinary court; the police would not say if the court has already met.

Marcus has reportedly been found guilty of the lesser charge — failure

to keep a record of the questioning. This charge would merely warrant a reprimand.

In the Baranes appeal proceedings, the judges were extremely sharp in their criticism of Marcus, who had had legal training. However, the irregularity did not result in a retrial for Baranes.

Oil rig moved out of Ashdod

ASHDOD. — The drilling rig of the Lapidot firm which was employed in the Ashdod area for more than a year, the Oil Prospecting and Investments Company (Hana) has been moved.

The firm would not comment on where it was moved, but workers said the rig was now in the Sdom area.

The drillings this past year at Ashdod II and III, as the sites were called, aroused great public interest and speculation over the possibility of discovering oil. But neither well has commercial value, tests have shown. (Itim)

'Hijacked' plane lands safely

TEL AVIV. — Security forces went on alert briefly yesterday at Ben-Gurion Airport, following a rumour that a Turkish Airlines flight had been hijacked. The report proved false.

Airport sources said Istanbul control tower alerted the pilot of the DC-9 after take-off that three "suspicious-looking Pakistanis" were seen boarding the flight.

Troops surrounded the tarmac to meet the plane, in case hijackers had taken command. But the plane landed without incident.

One explanation for the rumour was that the control tower had lost contact with the pilot shortly after take-off. (Itim)



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Likud leader 'would talk in black and white'

Prominent West Bank politician would prefer talks with Begin

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A prominent Likud leader said yesterday that he would negotiate with Menachem Begin with any other Israeli leader.

Dr. Haim Ghasal, of the Tel Aviv City Council, told a visiting delegation of Canadian professors that he would prefer Likud leader Begin, "who would talk in black and white," to any other current political figure, who would "speak in technical terms."

Ghasal, well-known for his sympathy with the Palestinian Liberation Organization, was addressing 19 Canadian professors here under the auspices of the Association of Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East. The meeting was one of a long series of fact-finding trips, including talks with officials, professors and Israeli intellectuals, during their two-week stay.

Assessing that Israel was ignoring a new PLO attitude towards compromise with a Jewish Israel, Ghasal was not bent on destroying the country, Ghasal said he was happy to see the chance to meet Jews from abroad, who could pressure Israel into recognizing this shift in the PLO attitude and dealing with it.

He said that Jewish heritage was not the sole property of Jews in Israel, and that the professors had every right to "follow in the heroic footsteps of Nahum Goldmann" on the Palestinian issue.

Most of the two-hour session was taken up with questions from the professors, who demanded proof of Ghasal's assertion that the PLO had undergone a "dramatic change in attitude." From the persistence of the questioning, it appeared they were not satisfied with the replies.

Ghasal told the meeting, which was chaired by Prof. Howard Adelman of the Department of Philosophy at York University, Toronto, that 20,000 inhabitants of the West Bank had left for other Arab countries, particularly the Gulf states, since "it was impossible to make ends meet under the Israeli occupation." He said that he himself needed at least \$1,300 per day if he was not to watch his family go hungry.

He also told his guests that he had been imprisoned four times by Israeli authorities, and had been subjected to psychological torture. He said also that he believed that Israel would not hold free elections in the West Bank again, after the "successes of the PLO" in the elections early this year.

Insisting that he was a "political realist and pragmatist," Dr. Ghasal told his guests that his aim was an independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital.

The Canadian Association is affiliated to the American Professors for Peace in the Middle East (APPME), which claims some 20,000 members on 600 campuses. In addition to the Canadian visitors, delegations of Japanese and Australian Professors have arrived.

Rugby trial win to universities

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The combined universities defeated the combined club sides 12-8 Saturday in the Israel Rugby Football Union's (IRFU) final trial between the two squads for next week's visit here of Cape Town University. The match started in blustery weather; later, the first rain to fall for weeks made conditions all the more difficult for the players.

Following the trial, IRFU selectors Eidelstein, Abelsch, Ginsberg, Morris and Tross announced the kibbutz team to meet the South Africans on January 5, in the opening fixture of their four-match tour.

The team is Kaplan, captain; Milner, vice-captain; Eliasov, Temkus, Miller and Sobel (all of Yisre'el), Feldman, Johnstone, Graham, Licht, Meyerowitz, Segal and Shmorer (Ha'agen-Nir Ellahu), and Moss and Klugman (Na'an). Reserves are Bass, Fink and Lipworth (Yisre'el), Maizels (Ha'agen-Nir Ellahu) and McCarthy (Na'an).

Three of the players in the XV — Feldman, Licht and Shmorer — are Israeli-born.

Basketball tonight

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

The first half of the basketball season draws to a close tonight in the first division with little change expected in the standings. Tel Aviv Maccabi play in Be'erot Yitzhak against Tel Aviv Mitzur and should come away with a victory which will crown them "Winter Champions." The next league games will take place on January 17.

The rest of tonight's games: Tel Aviv Hapoel v. South Tel Aviv Maccabi; Haifa Maccabi v. Givat Brenner-Na'an Hapoel; Jerusalem Hapoel v. Ramat Gan Maccabi; Afeka Hapoel v. Gvat-Yagur Hapoel.

Goldberg, Harduf win junior tennis titles

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Danny Goldberg and Tal Harduf won the under-18 singles titles of the local Junior Tennis Association's 17th annual Hanukkah Junior Championships, which concluded at the Israel Tennis Centre here over the weekend.

The meet was a triumph for Tel Aviv ASA and Rishon Lezion Maccabi coach Yitzhak Parnet. Three of his pupils — among them, eighth-grader Goldberg, who defeated eighth-grader Harduf, and two more finished as runners-up.

The three-day meet took the form of a "masters tournament" for the holders of a dozen regional championships held during the first five days of the holiday.

Goldberg, of Tel Aviv Maccabi, edged out ASA's Tommy Frischer, 6-4, 6-8 in the match of the day, to retain the boys' under-18 crown he won at last Hanukkah's Junior Tennis Championships for the country's leading players only. But Frischer's clubmate Tal Harduf came out on top in the corresponding girls' event, taking her first major singles title with a comfortable 6-1, 6-4 success against Tel Aviv Maccabi's Hava Coriat.

Shahar Perkus of Haifa Carmel added to his clutch of trophies by defeating Tel Aviv Maccabi's Tasson's Tel Solomon 6-3, 6-4 in the boys' under-16 final. In the under-14 last round, Rishon's Micha Ben-Asher beat Stephen Rosenberg of Tel Aviv Hapoel 6-1, 6-4, 6-0.

Malka Parnet cruised to a 6-1, 6-1 last-round victory over her teammate, Rachel Balas, to gain her first girls' under-16 singles crown.

In an all-Tel Aviv Hapoel under-14 final, Shlomit Sender came through 2-6, 6-0, 6-4 against Orly Hahlotzky.

Apart from five venues in the Tel Aviv area, regional tournaments were also held in Beersheba, Haifa, Jerusalem, Kibbutz Dan, Netanya, Rishon Lezion and Tivon. In all, some 300 youngsters participated in the championships.

High proportion of older patients in TA hospitals, councilman says

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Fully 26 per cent of Tel Aviv's hospital beds are filled by patients over 65, a reflection of the city's heavy proportion of older people, Councilman David Yutan said yesterday.

Reporting to the City Council, Yutan, who holds the municipal public health portfolio, said that the age of the population contributes greatly to the city's chronic hospital overcrowding. Countrywide, Yutan said, 3.7 per cent of the population is over 65; in Tel Aviv, the figure is 15 per cent.

Yutan said that in some hospital wards, such as emergency, internal medicine, heart, cancer, eye and otology, elderly patients account for between 45 and 55 per cent of admissions.

The situation would be much worse, Yutan asserted, were there not a special home treatment program. Special medical teams visit patients daily, to provide them with treatment usually available only in hospital. Of the 200 patients currently served by the programme, half would otherwise require hospitalization, and the others would need daily visits to outpatient clinics.

Free check-ups will be available to all Tel Aviv men over 65, and women over 60, beginning sometime in the first half of next year, Yutan reported.

Yutan also reported on developments at the other end of the age spectrum. He said that at least 300 beds must be added to Ichilov, Roka and the Kirya maternity hospitals. He also reported that a mother-and-child-care centre had been planned for the Hatikva Quarter, and that two more — at Tel Kabir and Neot Afeka — are nearing completion.

Long-term relief for Tel Aviv's hospital overcrowding is not in sight for a good many years, Yutan told the council. The Sursky Medical Centre, near Ichilov Hospital, will mean an additional 900 beds; but the complex will not be ready for another eight, or possibly 10 years.

Once it is completed, Ichilov Hospital will be turned into a maternity and children's hospital, and the outmoded and overcrowded Kirya hospital will be closed down.

Yutan called on the Government to finance "urgent and vital repairs in the aging Tel Aviv hospital buildings." He proposed the establishment of a municipal health authority to include all health services, public health facilities, business licensing and the veterinary department in one framework. This, according to Yutan, would ensure greater efficiency and would eliminate duplication.



Braille map in foreground depicts panorama, including Dormition Abbey on Mount Zion, opposite. Map is located atop a new clubhouse for blind in Abu Tor. (Sunphot)

Jerusalem park for blind dedicated

A view for the sightless

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

An observation platform offering the blind one of the most magnificent views of Jerusalem.

East Jerusalem Arabs singing "Yerushalayim Shel Zahav" (Jerusalem of Gold) with radiant faces.

A rushing waterfall, a wind harp and plants that throw off a cloud of scent at the touch of a hand.

The place is a park in Abu Tor; the occasion, the dedication yesterday of a clubhouse for the city's 500 Jewish and Arab blind.

It was symbolic, Mayor Teddy Kollek said, that the clubhouse was being built on a battlefield of the Six Day War. "We have turned a battlefield into a place of peace where people who have suffered from fate can try, at least in a small way, to express feelings of neighbourly relations."

A group of Arab blind sang in Hebrew "Yerushalayim Shel Zahav" and "Heveinu Shalom Aleichem." They had been practicing for months under the tutelage of a nun at St. Vincent de Paul convent. The Arabs were joined spontaneously by Jewish blind in the audience.

The clubhouse, built by the Jerusalem Foundation, is located in a six-dunam park for the blind between Rehov Elin Rogel and Rehov

Ahmalz. In one section, an aromatic garden has been created by the Hebrew University Botanical Department. The plantings here are perennials chosen for their aroma. These include rosemary, wormwood and golden Jerusalem sage which, despite its name, emanates from the high mountain area of central Sinai. Braille signs (in Arabic, Hebrew and English) will identify the plants for the blind, who will be encouraged to touch them.

The foundation has also built a waterfall within the park to enable the sightless to experience the lush sound of cascading water. The water pours down a 30-metre-long spillway into a pool where it is recirculated.

A similar attempt to provide a sensation in sound is a wind harp — a perforated metal object hung with small bells — set up above the entrance to the park.

The observation platform atop the clubhouse is provided with a Braille map on which the blind can read with their fingers the view of Mount Zion, the Hinnom Valley and the Mount of Olives spread out before them.

The clubhouse will provide facilities for social, sports and cultural activities including music lessons, gymnastics, chess and lectures. The blind will be brought by bus or taxi in groups, but individuals will also be welcome whenever winter season.

they arrive, a municipal official said.

The clubhouse is to open to regular activities in about two months, when final touches to the building are completed. It will be run by the municipality.

Funds for the clubhouse were provided by Esther and Philip Klein through the Rittenhouse Foundation in Philadelphia.

The park, a gift of the city of Vienna and the Jewish community of Antwerp, was dedicated four years ago; but it has been virtually unused by the blind. "We wanted to wait until the clubhouse was finished," said a foundation official.

The aromatic plantings and the waterfall are new additions.

The garden and clubhouse are an outgrowth of a visit paid by Kollek to his native Vienna in 1970, his first visit to that city in 35 years. The Jerusalem garden is based on Vienna's own garden for the blind, which Kollek saw on that visit.

Nazi victims seek to block Bonn pact

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — An organization of Holocaust victims announced yesterday that it was seeking to block World Jewish Congress President Nahum Goldmann from signing a final reparations agreement with West Germany.

At a press conference here yesterday, leaders of the World Jewish Federation of Victims of the Nazi Regime said that they had asked the Israeli Government not to provide Dr. Goldmann with official authorization to sign the agreement.

Tuvia Friedman, chairman of the organization which claims 20,000 members in Israel and abroad, said that Goldmann represents Jewish organizations and the Israeli Government, but that he "does not represent the victims for whom (the reparations) are intended."

According to Friedman, Goldmann plans to turn over part of the DM600m. (IL1,965m.) to some Jewish organizations, while thousands of Jewish Holocaust victims — particularly those who have come to the West from Eastern Europe since 1965 — have received no compensation. "Goldmann has no power of attorney to distribute any funds which are meant for, and due to, Nazi victims," Friedman said. Nor, he said, does the WJC president consult Friedman's group — "or any other body representing Nazi survivors."

He said that "no final agreement should be signed for another 20 years, as long as the Holocaust generation is alive." And he asserted that the payment of DM150 (IL540) survivors have received for each month at forced labour in German industry should be increased to DM1,500 (IL5,400).

The federation, Friedman said, would seek an order from the High Court of Justice in Jerusalem preventing Goldmann from signing the agreement. And it would propose that Abba Eban replace Goldmann as head of the Jewish negotiating team.

He said a world conference of Nazi victims, which will meet January 10-11 in Tel Aviv, would discuss the matter.

Almogi is invited to visit Rumania

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Rumanian Chief Rabbi Moshe Rosen has invited Zionist Executive chairman Yosef Almogi to visit his country in February.

In a letter received in Jerusalem yesterday, Almogi was invited to visit the Jewish communities in Bucharest and small towns "to see and understand how we live." Almogi's trip will be discussed today at the regular Zionist Executive meeting.

Police search for missing trial witness

TEL AVIV. — Police have begun searching for a man who failed to appear as a witness in a heroin trial two weeks ago. They are acting on a request filed by the man's mother last Wednesday — although the mother said she had not heard from him for the past eight months.

The police maintain that the testimony of Mordechai Sharabi, 32, was not crucial in the trial of three men charged with possession of heroin, and they declined to comment on rumours that Sharabi may have been murdered by underworld figures to prevent him testifying. Sharabi's mother stated she believed her son was abroad. She filed her request for a search after two journalists visited her last week asking about him.

In the trial, Judge Dov Levin found Haim and Sara Habor and Eliahu Chen not guilty of possession of heroin, but criticized the chief investigating officer for his preparation of the case.

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Farkas gets another chance

Jerusalem Post Reporter

AFAD. — An aging and dishevelled Naiman Farkas, escape artist and unrepentant law-breaker, has been given another chance to reform — this time as a shepherd in the desert.

"Like our forefathers," as he put it in the local Magistrates Court yesterday to Judge Avraham Rabinovitch.

The elusive Farkas, who was foiled an escape attempt last week, faced charges of theft, damage to property, violence and intimidation. He pleaded guilty to all the charges, which were relatively minor, thus saving the court a lengthy hearing.

He turned up in court with a shepherd's staff and a Bible, from which he read verses dealing with "end of days." He pleaded for another chance to start a new life, and the sympathetic magistrate agreed, handing down a suspended three-month term and a IL1,000 bond guarantee good behaviour.

Farkas already had a suspended one-year prison sentence hanging over him, and the magistrate agreed to extend the suspension for a further two years.

Defence counsel described Farkas as a man unfit for civilization, who needed to be alone. He hoped that allowing Farkas to try another life in the desert, herding sheep, might turn him into a law-abiding citizen.



Naiman Farkas (Newsphoto)

Broadcasting chief urges commercials for TV

By GEORGE LEONOF
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Broadcasting Authority Director-General Yitzhak Livni yesterday asked the authority's management committee to activate the "decision in principle" it had taken in 1974 to introduce advertising on the home screen.

Livni pointed out that the current licence fees, government subsidies, and radio advertising, are insufficient for the proper development of the authority. The need for additional income is urgent, he said, because TV house equipment must be replaced and improved.

The Hebrew-language television programmes require expansion, he said, such as the development of drama, commentaries and additional entertainment fare. The current level of income, he said, does not permit any of this; "unless we expand, we will not just stand still, we will retreat."

Livni pointed out that many countries which today carry advertising on TV had passed through a public debate on its acceptability, but finally decided to introduce it.

He said that the authority proposes that the advertising be grouped for six to seven minutes per hour on the average, as it is in Europe, rather than interspersed in programmes, as in the U.S. He said the European experience has shown that advertising on TV was not at the expense of other media.

The authority believes that no adequate increase of current sources of income is feasible. The Government has limited the increase in licensing fees to 25 per cent, the figure of estimated inflation for next year — and larger government subsidies are highly unlikely, Livni said.

Forest for Australian leader

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Robert Hawke, head of the opposition Australian Labour Party, says Israel could not be required to make concessions before the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Arab states invalidate the Rabat covenant.

"Only if the PLO and Arab states recognize Israel's right to exist in secure boundaries would the world be entitled to expect concessions from Israel," Hawke told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

Hawke is here for the dedication today of the Robert Hawke Forest in the Kerem Mahal area near Haifa. The forest has been subscribed to by the Australian Jewish community through the Jewish National Fund and the Histadrut.

Bank clerk gets jail sentence for stealing

HAIFA. — A bank official was sentenced yesterday to a year in jail and a fine of IL5,000 for stealing from the accounts of clients.

Shlomo Zeldor, 42, worked at the Dor branch of Bank Leumi in Haifa. He was found guilty of stealing IL4,700 from two elderly women by making false entries and obtaining a signature by deceit. (Tlm)

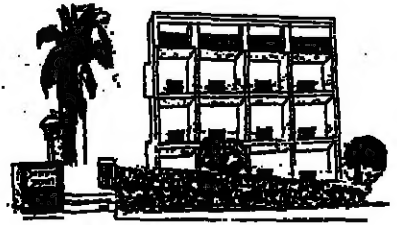
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THE POOR are poor because they don't have money. That, says Dr. Israel Katz, is the conclusion reached by most of the research in the U.S. anti-poverty programme. It took millions of dollars to find out.

Katz interprets the findings to mean that the first thing a self-respecting society must do is make sure the poor have money: a guaranteed income.

A former head of the National Insurance Institute, present head of the Brookdale Institute for Gerontology and Adult Human Development, and coordinator of the Prime Minister's Committee on Disadvantaged Youth, Katz is adamant about income. Along with money, he stresses, the poor need the opportunity and responsibility of figuring out what to do with it.

In a recent interview, he attacked a statement by a Knesset Member who had called for the abolition of universal child allowances, and their replacement by services which would reach the children who needed them most. Said Katz: "I am astounded by the ease with which Israeli politicians dare to talk out of ignorance."

"If one part of the population has choices about how to use money, the other must also," he said. Services are vital, but not at the expense of income guarantee. Israel's "one real accomplishment" is in the realm of child rights. There is nothing holy about the instruments used to improve standards of living, he added, but "children must never be the reason why a family becomes a bare case."

"Perhaps we should check the reason why we don't have services, and see if it's really lack of money, or haven't asked us what Israel's greatest shortcoming in social welfare is," he grumbled. "But if you tell me it was family education. We used to think that if a new member learned Hebrew, he'd be an Israel."

The most serious finding of the Katz Committee in 1972 was that 84 per cent of Israeli children live in families in which one or both parents had fewer than seven years of formal education, he pointed out. And educators acknowledge today that the central educational institution in child's life is still the home.

What is lacking is not "culture" but information — the kind of knowledge that helps families accommodate to life here: family counselling, planning, providing nutrition at very little cost. Twenty-four per cent of draft age girls are rejected as "unsuitable"

Too little, too late for the poor

By MARSHA POMERANTZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter



Dr. Israel Katz

for the army. "They should be the nucleus for such a family education programme," he said.

But this is all patchwork stuff. What about wider social policy? The public now and then picks up the subject of the Katz Committee recommendations, asks what's happening to the Ministerial Committee for Social Betterment or any of its second and third generation offshoot committees, then turns its attention to political scandals and other more savorious issues.

"Implementing" those proposals now would be too little, too late," said the coordinator of the committee. One of the alternatives involved uniting services of the labour and welfare ministries with some of health and education. A second proposal would divide "betterment" into labour (income) and welfare (services), each of which would serve the entire population.

First of all, there is a misconception about the reason for the proposals, Katz explained. It was not

to save money and increase efficiency. In fact, the reorganization may have cost more, not less. The rationale behind the proposals was twofold: first, by uniting similar functions under one roof, establish consistent policy, and emphasis on priorities. Second, give the head of such services political weight that the Cabinet could not ignore.

This interview took place before the National Religious Party, traditional guardian of the Welfare portfolio, was invited out of the government. But that move did not strengthen Katz's contention. "Starting with Ben-Gurion, the Labour Party decided that Welfare was marginal. Social services were divided into those for the poor and those for the rich." Admitting he was a member of the Labour Party, and even on the central committee, he said, "If things didn't work out, we could make the NRP the scapegoat, shunning responsibility and accountability."

Yigael Yadin, head of the new Democratic Movement for Change, has reportedly named Katz as one of his supporters. Is that true? "Yadin doesn't speak my language," Katz said, "but he's right in demanding responsibility for social services from a senior member of the Cabinet." Katz is studying Yadin's platform, economic as well as social. "If he really committed himself to domestic issues, I'd be willing to join his movement."

"The machinery we have just doesn't work any more." Committees are not the answer. "Poor Minister Hillel (chairman of the Ministerial Committee for Social Betterment) can hardly hold his own against the Finance Minister."

"It's not against some courageous person standing up and saying we're not going to solve our social problems very soon," he said. Some of the country's objectives were in conflict with each other, in the short run. Immigration vs. closing the social gap, for instance. Who gets the housing?

"The people who are supposedly being 'helped' don't know what to expect any more. Following the Katz Committee findings, Housing Minister Abraham Ofer promised to reduce housing density to less than three persons per room in six years. However, Katz said, the plan will take until 1986 to complete, at the present rate. And by then expectations will rise — and nothing over two persons per room will be tolerable. Who, after all, is accountable?"



Clark Clifford

Breaking silence on Truman

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Clark Clifford, former Defence Secretary in the Johnson Administration and now an influential Washington attorney, is now to break a 23-year silence on his role in connection with President Truman's decision to recognize the State of Israel. Clifford was then a senior political adviser to Truman and strongly urged the President to recognize Israel.

He will disclose for the first time his personal recollections of the period when he addresses the annual meeting of the American Historical Society in Washington tomorrow. According to sources who have already seen Clifford's notes, the former White House aide will charge that the State Department repeatedly tried to torpedo the creation of Israel — and later U.S. recognition.

He is expected to accuse certain State Department Arabists with disobeying presidential directives regarding U.S. policy toward the new Jewish State.

Last month, the State Department released its previously top secret documents on this sensitive issue. These documents showed that Clifford, along with others, successfully played an important role in urging Truman to recognize Israel.

Sources here said that Clifford will make the point during his speech that Truman rejected the State Department's advice because of his concern for the Jewish people.

Beyond smiling contentment

By MEIR BONNEN
Jerusalem Post Art Editor

THAWAN DUCHANE is a 37-year-old Thai painter who arrived here for last week's opening of an unusual exhibition at the Israel Museum, entitled "Paintings from Thailand: Past and Present." The past is represented by 200-year-old Buddhist paintings and illuminated manuscripts; the present by Duchane's own work, large black-and-white pen drawings that are the only latter-day Thai art connected with Buddhism.

The entire show, much of it culled from private collections in Bangkok, is concerned with using his Western-learned techniques and partly surreal, partly Buddhist demonic style to get across purely Buddhist ideas. In Duchane's work, human figures blend into animals, symbolizing parts of the personality that degrade human character.

Duchane says he is not a fanatic, nor an adherent of any particular Buddhist sect. He tries to put aside the trappings of worship in order to return to the basic tenets of his faith.

The essence of Buddhism is that life is full of suffering caused primarily by desire and greed and that the only way to end this suffering is to rise above desire and to achieve enlightenment which breaks the chain of continual birth and death and rebirth into a world of suffering. Duchane is no monk, nor does he recommend that everyone become one; he would like to find a "golden mean" for all. It is only the trappings of Buddhism that have survived in most countries, including his own, he says. One's main concern, he thinks, should be with living a life of modesty, with a heart full of love and consideration for others.

He does, however, acknowledge that 2,000 years of Buddhist tradition have made the Thai people extraordinarily patient with their lot. This, coupled with the comparative abundance of fish and rice and



Thawan Duchane at the Israel Museum.

(Edgar Asher)

vegetables, even among the poor, some of whom still sell their children into prostitution, have produced a smiling contentment among the Thais of the countryside that Duchane finds quite lacking here. He spoke of a kibbutz he visited, "where everyone had all the material comforts and food he needed, but everyone was discontented."

The average Thai lives factually from day to day and is too involved with his day-to-day existence to care much about politics, he says, when I commented on the recent Bangkok student riots. He says he came expecting to find Arabs and Jews at each other's throats. Instead he found Arabs in the Old City too involved with their day-to-day existence to know who Teddy Kollek or Yitzhak Rabin were. He seemed disbelieving when I said they were probably exceptions.

Duchane is both sceptical of Western technological societies and scornful of the Communist solution. But he sees the lush green of Thailand menaced by growing pollution. He also thinks that machine-age people are too soft. "Israeli handshakes are soft, the hands of people who rely on machines and eat the wrong food," Duchane keeps his artistic hands hard by breaking

blocks of wood with them during karate lessons. He sees karate as another form of Buddhist self-discipline and has spent time in a Zen monastery in Kyoto.

The artist is an inveterate traveller, partly thanks to the fact that his wife, who is here with him, is an air hostess. He got most of his training — in technique only, he emphasizes — in Amsterdam and has spent about six years in Europe. In his own country there are no museums and no art galleries, yet he lives "more than comfortably" from the sale of his work and is nationally famous. Most of his clients are intellectuals ("usually not rich") and the members of the large foreign community of Bangkok. Neither group, one presumes, is likely to heed his Buddhist message. But they pay \$1500 each for his drawings.

Duchane's strongest impression here has been of the rocky barrenness of the Jerusalem hills, the very antithesis of the landscape of his own country. He will make some drawings of rocks, but "not for literal landscapes; I'll try to distill something." He will also go as often as possible to the show at the Israel Museum, to talk to any visitor who is interested in learning about Thai art, past and present.

Warning from British Chief Rabbi

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

LONDON — British Chief Rabbi Dr. Immanuel Jacobovits has warned against dangers to World Jewry from religious-political extremism. He fears that groups like Gush Emunim evoke the limitless zeal associated with such an historical catastrophe as Masada. He was addressing a recent World Jewish Congress Institute.

The Chief Rabbi lauded the idealism inspiring the young followers of Gush Emunim, but derided the misquotation of the late Chief Rabbi Kook's writings for political purposes. He argued: "What they quote is alien to the venerated rabbi's moderate opinions."

Dr. Jacobovits developed his theme that the policy of budging not one-inch (in the territories) evoked echoes of Masada. "This implied," he charged, "a preference for national enthusiasm, of death with dignity rather than life under foreign rule." He went on to say: "The pages of Jewish history are littered with the shrapnel of pseudo-Messiahism... and the shipwrecks of messianic disaster," and thus a more pragmatic approach should prevail.

He urged the preparation of the Jewish people for setbacks like the 1948 Kippur War, which might possibly take place before Israel finally becomes secure. Here he advocated that "the zeal of Gush Emunim be kept in check, just like nuclear energy should."

The British Chief Rabbi said the mainstream of Orthodoxy accepted neither the ultra-orthodox whose "love for the Land" coincides with their rejection of secular statehood, nor those explaining their ultra-nationalism on religious grounds. Both could find justification for their views in the sacred scriptures, he said. He praised the products of the Jewish press, highly regarded in Israel (which he saw at the moment as "a society eroded by vice and crime").



Raya Jaglom

World Wizo meet set

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — A range of Wizo activities which extends from the cradle to the grave will be discussed by almost 1,000 women from the 50 Wizo federations at their 17th World Conference, to open January 9, in Jerusalem.

As examples of the wide Wizo spectrum, conference delegates will discuss plans to open day-care centres for the children of nurses at all Israel's hospitals and to build an old age home for members (Beit Eshavim).

In addition to these new activities, Wizo will have to make decisions about continuing its current work, due to economic difficulties both here and in the countries where the overseas federations raise money to support the organization's Israeli work. The number of children in Wizo's day care centres has doubled since the last World Conference in 1970 (there are now about 9,000 in 164 centres) but there are serious questions about whether this level of expansion can continue due to the high cost. There may have to be changes in Wizo's agricultural and vocational high schools.

Raya Jaglom, president of World Wizo, said she would like to come to the conference with a proposal to build 60 new youth clubs but she is afraid there will be no money for such a project. Wizo's youth clubs now serve about 18,000 youngsters, compared with 13,000 in 1970.

The conference will also include elections of about one-third of the board. The Wizo presidency term is unlimited, but Mrs. Jaglom says that she is looking for a successor. "As soon as I find her, I'll step down."

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Spectacular results

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, subscription concert No. 2 (second programme), Leningrad, conducted by Jascha Starker, cellist (Tel Aviv, Mann Auditorium, Dec. 21). Repertoire: "Le Coraire," Overture; Haydn: Concerto in D Major for cello and orchestra; Bruckner: Symphony No. 1.

THIS CONCERT was scheduled to feature Schumann's cello concerto and Bruckner's Sixth symphony. But the programme was changed without any prior notice, presumably because of a last minute decision by soloist and conductor. The I.P.O. management owed its subscribers at least an explanation.

Moreover, by substituting the Haydn concerto for the Schumann, Starker hardly improved anything. On the contrary, the Schumann (already reviewed) provided some aesthetic enjoyment, whereas the Haydn was merely boring. Starker's tone was small and completely colourless, his dynamics were kept at a steady m, and the musical content was less than low-keyed. In the first movement Maazel had to reduce orchestral volume almost to inaudibility in order to allow Starker to be heard at all. Some arresting orchestral passages introduced by the conductor salvaged the slow movement.

The opening overture, on the other hand, was a spectacular achievement. Maazel established a most interesting affinity with the sonorities of the "Fantastique," an affinity not so surprising since both works were written in 1851.

However the real highlight of Maazel's present visit was the Bruckner. His reading aimed at classical balance rather than at romantic zeal or Wagnerian bombast. The grand design emerged with great conviction and even the somewhat sectional Finale was cohesive enough to impress. Orchestral sound again reached immense liveliness. By rightly determining the relative strength of all the inner voices of orchestral textures, Maazel achieved spectacular results: a harmony of sound and a melodiousness which stirred.

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CERTAIN ITEMS such as toilet paper, soap, washing powder, pipepaste etc. are normally not kept just when required, but kept in reserve. Where to store them? Not above the toilet cistern? Most toilets nowadays have low-level flushing cisterns, and quite often the toilet is in a separate room. The simplest way is to put up shelves, but a much better way is to make a storage cupboard.

Assuming the width of the toilet cistern to be 60cm., then the cupboard should be 60cm. wide. Naturally it should be 40cm. deep to the cupboard base, but the chances are small that the walls are parallel so as to fit it to fit exactly. The half-centimetre space either side is sufficient to position the cupboard. A depth of 20cm. is ample, and the cupboard will not protrude noticeably. A suitable height would be 60cm. Cut two pieces of 20mm. chipboard 30cm. x 20cm. and two pieces 56cm. x 10cm. For the backing, cut a piece 20cm. x 60cm. out of 4mm. plywood. he care that you cut the chipboard evenly. Position one side against the base and drill through the base into the end of the side piece with 2.5mm. bit. Enlarge the holes through the base with a 4.5mm. bit, make a countersunk depression for the heads of the screws either with a drill countersink bit or with a new drill bit. Spread a thin layer of white glue over the end of the side and screw the base to it. Repeat the

edge. Smear plastic glue in the hole and screw in the hinge so that the arm is perpendicular to the door edge. Position one door and mark the outline of the hinge plate on the cupboard side. Remove the hinge plate and you can then mark the holes for attaching it to the cupboard side. Repeat for the other door. Screw the hinge plates firmly to the sides. Fix the hinge arms over the hinge plates and adjust the screws so that the doors are square off.

Four ready-cut iron strips as shown in the diagram are screwed diagonally across the back corners of the cupboard. Carefully drill holes through the backing so that a screw can be passed through the iron strip. Position the cupboard about 7cm. above the cistern and mark the wall where the wall plugs are to be positioned. The wall is then drilled and plugged and the cupboard attached firmly with 1 1/2" x 8 self-tapping screws (bungee pack).

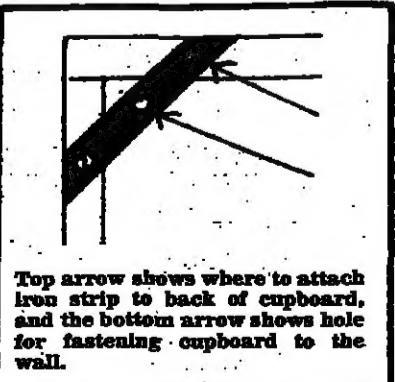
Fit a small plastic bolt (barrel) inside the left-hand door and a magnetic catch on the right hand side. Then put in two handles. All the exposed edges of the chipboard can be covered with a strip of gabbon veneer. Glue it on with contact glue and trim off excess veneer with a sharp hobby knife and sand it down. This method of edging should be carried out before attaching the doors. Alternatively, the cupboard may be covered with self-adhesive plastic or just painted.

Top arrow shows where to attach iron strip to back of cupboard, and the bottom arrow shows hole for fastening cupboard to the wall.

process for the other corners. Attach the backing with small countersunk screws of size 17 x 17 or use small nails. Sand off any rough edges. Cut two shelves out of 20mm. chipboard 18cm. wide and 30 cm. long. Mark a line 17cm. above the base on the side and drill two 6mm. holes in it for the shelf pegs. Repeat this at 36cm. above the base. Do the same thing on the other side.

Doors are also made of 20mm. chipboard and consist of two pieces 80cm. x 41.5cm. This leaves a gap between the doors which is hidden by a strip of 1/2" screwed to the left hand door. Use socket hinges for the doors. Drill a 35mm. hole to a depth of 14mm. in the doors, the centre of the hole being 20mm. from the door

Guerrillas Thai soldiers



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Shares hit record high

Jerusalem Post Finance Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The general share index of the Central Bureau of Statistics rose by 0.82 per cent yesterday to reach the all-time high of 171.60. Shares moved up along a broad front. The rally was a continuation of last week's pattern which saw 89 shares advance with only 51 declining while 17 remained unchanged. Property and building options which had the second highest market gain last week added another four points to 92. The options have appreciated by some 17 per cent since a week ago. Financial shares, while taking a back seat to other sectors of the market, continued to edge higher. Bank Leumi and Bank Hapoalim each registered one point gains to 268 and 332, respectively. IDS gained half a point to 97 while the new shares rose by one to 133. Tefahot mortgage bank rose by five to 283. Insurance issues enjoyed one of the strongest market performances in a long time. Aryeh jumped by 2.5 to 478 for a 6.8 per cent gain for the session. Hamehalel rose by one to 245. Sahar advanced by 15 to 430 while Teir gained seven to 395. Among real estate shares, Israel Land Development advanced by six to stand at 198. Property and Building shares were eight to the good at 259. ICP, Israel Citrus rose by six to 160. Rasmoo gained 10 to 178.5 while the common stock added seven to 140.

Most active issues
B. Leumi 268+1.0 IL 656,900
Hapoalim 332+1.0 IL 513,500
IDS (new) 133+1.0 IL 295,900
Shares traded: IL 15.5m.
Variables: IL 4.5m.
Bonds traded: IL 6.5m.
Kibbutz: IL 6.5m.
Turnover: \$128,000

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DOLLAR-LINKED		
Jerusalem Post	130	130
Jerusalem Post Junior	130	130
Jerusalem Post Corp. B	130	130
PURCHASE IN DOLLARS		
Halla 25	130	130
G.I. LINKED		
Jerusalem Post	130	130
Jerusalem Post Junior	130	130
Jerusalem Post Corp. B	130	130
OPTIONALS		
Jerusalem Post	130	130
Jerusalem Post Junior	130	130
Jerusalem Post Corp. B	130	130
CONVERTIBLES		
Jerusalem Post	130	130
Jerusalem Post Junior	130	130
Jerusalem Post Corp. B	130	130
BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS		
Bank Leumi	268	268
Bank Hapoalim	332	332
IDS	97	97
Tefahot	283	283
Jerusalem Post	130	130
Jerusalem Post Junior	130	130
Jerusalem Post Corp. B	130	130
LAND DEVELOPMENT AND OTHERS		
Israel Land Development	198	198
Property and Building	259	259

Appointment at Bank of Israel
MALIA MAOR, adviser to the director of the Bank of Israel, has been appointed director of the Bank's stocks and bonds section. Maor replaces Dr. Meir Heth, who is left his full-time job at the bank to go on a sabbatical year. The bank is asked Heth to continue working on an advisory basis.

THE PRESIDIUM of the Manufacturers Association has approved the 1977 budget, which runs from January 1 to December 31, in the amount of IL12.5m. The 1976 budget was IL9.6m.

Equipping game libraries

THE JERUSALEM POST Toy Fund has taken stock of all the many libraries that have been set up in the past month, in a view to help how many will be able to answer the question: "How many libraries do we have to just how many libraries, up to three years old, we can replace and how many new ones will be added. Game Libraries are one of our projects (we have many). They are designed to improve the student-teacher relationship, and have been so very successful in schools, where the teachers (and many have in hours of over-time) take a project really to heart. A Game Library is not a play-center for community centers or clubs, so we are sorry to disappoint those who are applied for this sort of help. A lot of girls will reach Bat Mitzvah this year, and many boys will have their Bar Mitzvah. The teachers who originally budgeted this project will not be expected to contribute, but it is certainly not too late. Please address requests to: The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund, P.O.B. 81, Jerusalem. A donation will still be gladly accepted at The Jerusalem Post Office in the Romania (Post Office, Rehov Arizobab, 100, Cafe Alaska). The Post in Aviv 11 Rehov Carlebach or 34 Rehov Herod or Hader 16, Rehov Heral. Yesterday's mailbags brought in IL16.50, bringing the total to IL12.5m.

Quiet revolution inside Rehovot

A \$20m. industrial plant is about to go into full production. Stolen goods are being identified by the Geoprinter. High-yield cucumbers that show superior resistance to local plant diseases have conquered the produce market. All three have one thing in common, and that is that they have become reality as a result of the applied research carried out by the scientists of the Weizmann Institute. For the past decade a quiet but highly visible revolution has been taking place in Rehovot.

For many years members of the Israeli government and others have asked: "What is the Weizmann Institute's contribution to the economy of the country?" Until 1977 such questions were laughably turned back by explaining that the Institute's role is that of carrying out basic research. In the heady post-Six-Day-War days it was decided to try "a social experiment". According to Shalhevet Freier, then deputy-director of the Institute and is the forefront of the movement, "We tried to offer to industry what we have, but without altering our character".

The initial effort of bringing the world of science to that of industry was a programme of making available laboratory space on the Institute grounds to scientists in the private sector. The project, which could be applied to the interviews, "I remember how Moshe Barone sat in the middle of a 150 sqm. area. Without partitions and surrounded by his machinery, he was one of the first to make use of our offer. Freier recalled. Moshe Barone is now better known as the general manager of M.C. Electronics, located in the Kiryat Weizmann Industrial Park. His company will be exporting this year in the order of \$5m. of medical monitoring equipment.

The recognition of the importance of bringing science and industry together has no stronger proponent than Prof. Michael Sela, the youngish 59-year-old president of the Weizmann Institute. Beginning his second year in office, he is proud of the Institute's involvement in the economy of the country. "We were the initiators of the concept of the industrial park for science-based industries. Even before that we had done important work on phosphate uranium, the development of seismographic and gravimetric techniques used in oil search, which resulted in the discovery of the Heletz oilfield, and had developed processes for the Timna Mines. Research is the basis for everything else... for science, for industry and for defence," is

One-upmanship by Fiat
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
ROME. — Another sensational move by Agnelli: Fiat has bought the building housing the Turin daily, "la Stampa", which has up to now been the property of "La Stampa", in turn owned by Fiat.

This "ostentatious" transaction completely eliminates the red on the balance sheet of Italy's second-largest newspaper. The paper's previous deficit could have provided an "economic motive" for Fiat's new Libyan partners to demand getting rid of the Fiat-owned newspaper, whose editor-in-chief, Arrigo Levi, is Jewish and whose daily, "la Stampa", has in the past been the object of controversy between Khaddafi and Fiat.

Revenue chief may be posted to U.S.
Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter
Internal Revenue Commissioner Moshe Neudorfer is the most likely candidate to replace Ze'ev Sher as Israel's Minister for Economic Affairs in the U.S. Sher will return to Israel next June or July to be appointed Assistant Attorney-General. No decision has yet been taken regarding Neudorfer's successor.

FOREIGN TRADE. — Israel opened a foreign trade office displaying Israeli-made farming and building equipment in Blantyre on Friday, the Malawi News Agency reported.

P/E RATIO

THE PRICE/EARNINGS ratio is generally considered one of the important keys in measuring equity values. In a recent study prepared by international consultants, the following shares appear to be attractively priced when based on P/E ratio comparison.

Banks	Price	P/E ratio
Bank Leumi	274.5	6.2
Bank Hapoalim	277	6.6
Mortgage Bank	278	7.0
General Mortgage	280	8.1
Industrial Bank	181	5.9
Edite	180	6.3
Bank Leumi	240	2.5
Bank Hapoalim	240.5	2.5
IDS	267.5	7.1
Investment Co.'s	287	4.7
Discount (B)	287.5	4.7
Clal Ind.	287.5	4.7

Industrial	Price	P/E ratio
Jerusalem Post	130	130
Jerusalem Post Junior	130	130
Jerusalem Post Corp. B	130	130
OPTIONALS		
Jerusalem Post	130	130
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Jerusalem Post Corp. B	130	130
CONVERTIBLES		
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Land Development	Price	P/E ratio
Israel Land Development	198	198
Property and Building	259	259
OPTIONALS		
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Tourist industry may get export incentives
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Tourism business may in future get export incentive payments, it was recently announced. The payments are made to industries on the basis of the value of their exports, to help them stand up to foreign competition. Hotels now receive two thirds of the incentives, paid to other export industries, but other tourist businesses, including restaurants, souvenir shops and travel and tour companies, get nothing.

Now an inter-ministerial committee including representatives of the Tourism, Finance and Commerce and Industry Ministries, is to review the entire problem. The Tourism Ministry spokesman noted that such incentives would only be made for sales made in foreign currency.

FOREIGN CURRENCY	Official Exchange Rates
U.S. Dollar	8.7818 8.8082
Sterling	14.8150 14.8890
DM	1.7610 1.7700
French Fr.	5.4775 5.5853
Dutch Fl.	3.5887 3.6017
Swiss Fr.	8.6598 8.7079
Canadian \$	9.5314 9.5790
Australian \$	10.0930 10.1436
Rand	10.0930 10.1436

INTERBANK LONDON	SPOT RATES:
DM	1.6870/85 per \$
DM	2.3870/90 per \$
Swiss Fr.	2.4475/4500 per \$
Lira	866/889 per \$
Belgian Fr.	36.22/24 per \$
Dutch Fl.	closed
Yen	293.30/50 per \$
French Fr.	4.9825/75 per \$
Gold Price	\$132.00—\$132.75

FORWARD RATES:	1 Mos.	3 Mos.	6 Mos.
DM	1.6850/715	1.6450/450	1.6050/410
DM/Sw.	1.7	1.7	1.7

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By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

the way Prof. Sela expresses it. However, the road is not all that smooth. "The major problem that industry and science are facing is that of an information gap. A continuous dialogue with industry must be maintained and we must encourage the concept that the connection with industry is of crucial importance," Sela stressed.

Putting theory and philosophy into action has resulted in the formation of the Council for Research and Industry. On the Institute's side, David Moushine accepted the challenge of bringing the Institute to industry. Casting himself in the role of the "bridge between science and industry," Moushine contacted people like Meir Amit and Dan Tolkowsky. They reacted enthusiastically and made a list of enterprises which might benefit from a connection with the Weizmann Institute. "We discovered that many industrial plants had difficulty in defining what their problems really were. We found that many of the industrial problems were related to basic research being carried out at the Institute. In one case we suggested that the sophisticated technology of the Institute be applied to the mundane problem of improved cutting of asbestos-cement pipes," related Moushine.

Industrial research projects are also on the upswing at the Institute. Perhaps one of the compelling reasons is the newly established connection with the European Common Market. Israel's industry will have to prepare itself for the stiff competition when the period of tariff reductions begins. "Scientists are allowed one day a week to undertake outside activities and many co-work with industry," Freier pointed out.

There have been many commercial spin-offs from the Institute's research. Over 20 years of cooperation with Makhteshim, Israel's leading manufacturer of basic chemicals and resins, has led to the development of many new products which are

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In his reply to the order nisi the Minister contended that he was not required to give any explanations for barring the petitioner's entry into the country, that the restraining order had been given lawfully and that it had not been arbitrary in view of the fact that the petitioner had been found guilty of a drug offence.

The petitioner's counsel argued, on the return day, that as a Jew he is entitled to come to Israel under the Law of Return, the Minister cannot prevent his entry except in accordance with terms of this law: that is, unless, under the law, he has a criminal past calculated to endanger public peace — a description which no one had contended applied to the petitioner.

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Prof. Michael Sela, president of the Weizmann Institute. (Photo Ben-Zvi)

now being exported all over the world. The Susita, the completely Israel-designed car, utilized plastics technology developed at the Institute. A polyethylene artificial wax for export-bound citrus was also developed with the assistance of Institute scientists.

The whole range of fine chemicals produced at Miles-Yeda in Rehovot was the outcome of research conducted by the scientists which included Professors Patchornik, Michael Sela, Ephraim Katzir, and the late Aris Berger.

Another area is that of agriculture. Nearly all cucumbers grown in the country are the result of breeding research carried out at the Institute's greenhouses.

In the field of instrumentation, the Geoprinter, a device for "fingerprinting" diamonds, is perhaps the best-known example. The field is broad and includes spectrometers, a telephone exchange for automatic dialing, the Golem B. computer and other electronic instruments.

Justice Shereshevsky, who delivered the main opinion of the High Court, Justice Many, concurring, first considered the question of whether the respondent should have given reasons for his order barring the petitioner from entering the country. In deciding this question in the negative, he noted that Section 9 of the Administrative Procedure Amendment (Statement of Reasons) Law, 1963, says down expressly that the provisions of this law do not apply to "decisions of the Minister of the Interior, under the Entry into Israel Law."

In other words, the respondent has absolute discretion to bar the entry of any person into Israel and does not have to give reasons for doing so (see also H.C. 483/71, 1 P.D. 27/113). So that the High Court is not competent to review any such decision of the Minister unless it is shown that it was based on arbitrary considerations, which the petitioner in the present case had failed to do.

Justice Shereshevsky then went on to dismiss the argument that the respondent could not forbid the entry of a Jew into Israel on the grounds that he had been convicted of a drug offence during a previous visit to the country unless this offence justified appending the description of "someone with a criminal past who was calculated to endanger the public peace," to him. Regulation 9(8), he noted, was made on the strength of the Entry into Israel Law, 1952, which deals with entry into Israel of persons who are not Israel nationals and are not immigrants. The Law of Return, on the other hand, which the petitioner had invoked in his argument, deals only with immigrants to Israel: that is with Jews who have expressed their desire to settle in Israel. If, therefore, the petitioner had expressed a desire to settle in Israel (upon his return after leaving the country in 1976), then the respondent could not have refused him entry into the country unless he were declared to have a criminal past calculated to endanger public peace. Since, however, the petitioner had expressed no such desire, his case came within the competence of the Minister under regulation 9(6).

(To be continued)

Big water find near Yabel

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Additional evidence that large parts of the Negev straddle a vast underground water reservoir came over the weekend with the reported discovery of substantial quantities of water at "Yahalon One" — near the kilometre 110 on the Eilat highway. "Yahalon" is one of 13 water wells now being drilled by Mekorot. It takes its name from the nearby, newly formed kibbutz, Yabel. It was begun three months ago and completed at cost of some 1.5m. Mekorot spokesman Mordechai Ya-

cobovitz told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that the water, obtained from a depth of some 600 metres, was of a satisfactory 480 mg. per litre mineral content — which meant that it could be used for agriculture and, possibly for drinking as well. The trial pumping rate is kept at a controlled 160 cubic metres per hour, but company geologists hope that they will eventually be able to increase this quantity. Mekorot geologists believe that the Negev water has its origins in the Pleistocene (Ice Age) period — which ended 25,000 years ago.

Contractor fined for late flat

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — A building contractor has been ordered to pay IL\$5,000 damages to the purchasers of an apartment for the psychological distress caused by his failure to hand over the apartment on time. The flat was bought by the children of a couple who wanted their parents to live in their neighbourhood. As the date for completion stipulated in the contract approached they went to the contracting firm, from the delay, the judge awarded damages on the basis of the contractually agreed sum of IL\$20,000 in the event of late completion, but because the buyers had suffered psychological distress: the delay had prevented them from seeing their parents as often as they had wanted.

apartment nor notice of completion from him, he told them they were in breach of contract, for failing to get in touch with him on the specified date of completion. District Court Judge Arye Hagin accepted the purchasers' argument that the contractor had failed to inform the purchasers that the flat was ready, even after receiving a letter from their lawyer asking what the situation was. Since the purchasers suffered no financial damage from the delay, the judge awarded damages on the basis of the contractually agreed sum of IL\$20,000 in the event of late completion, but because the buyers had suffered psychological distress: the delay had prevented them from seeing their parents as often as they had wanted.

IL 475,000 for loss of eye

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — The Neshar Cement Company has agreed to pay IL475,000 in compensation to a welder who lost an eye in an accident at its plant here. The compromise settlement is the largest sum ever paid in a District Court claim for damage to eyesight. Binjamin Cohen, 35, was injured in April, 1974. He had been working for about a month at the Neshar plant, when he was ordered to weld a patch of iron onto a pipe, to plug a hole. Before he lowered his protective mask over his eyes, a jet of hot cement powder squirted out, hitting him in the face. Cohen lost

all sight in his right eye. Before District Court Judge Louis Rabinowitz, Neshar denied advocates Reuben Cheyne's claim, on behalf of Cohen, that it had been negligent in that it had not warned the welder against the danger of high pressure in the pipe he was ordered to repair. It offered no explanation how the accident was caused. Cheyne produced evidence that malfunctioning of a safety valve might have allowed pressure to build up inside the pipe, if no experienced man had checked the machinery. A warning sign was put up there after the accident, he stated.

In the Supreme Court Sitting as Court of Criminal Appeals
Before Justices Cohen, Mogy and Shereshevsky.
Dr. Harvey Krieger, Petitioner, v. Minister of Interior, Respondent
(H.C. 571/76)

LAW REPORT
Edited by Doris Lankin

No visitor's visa for drug-taking Jew

The High Court of Justice dismissed an order nisi calling upon the Minister of the Interior to show cause why he should not grant the petitioner a tourist visa or a temporary visitor's visa. The petitioner, a Canadian Jewish doctor, came to Israel with his family in 1974 in order to specialize in plastic surgery and to examine the prospects of aliyah. Early in 1976 the petitioner was charged with being in possession of, and smoking, marijuana. He was found guilty, fined IL\$5,000 and given a six-month suspended sentence. Immediately thereafter he left the country, leaving his family behind.

When he tried to return to Israel, without any kind of visa, about six months later, he was detained at the airport, without being given any reason. He was later informed that he had been prevented from entering the country by virtue of an order issued by the Minister of the Interior under regulation 9(6) of the Entry into Israel Regulations, 1974, which empowers the Minister to prevent re-entry into Israel of persons who on a previous visit had been found guilty of an offence against the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance.

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Registration in Voters' Rolls for the Knesset Elections

Certain citizens, mainly new immigrants, are not included in the voters' rolls, because they have not advised the Ministry of the Interior of their exact address (name of settlement, name of street, house number).

To bring this fact to the attention of those concerned, so that they may ensure their right to vote in the coming elections for the Knesset and local councils, a national alphabetical listing of all these persons will be publicly exhibited.

Anyone whose name appears in this listing should submit their exact address to the local office of the Population Registry, Ministry of the Interior, or their nearest post office. At the same time, they should present their identity card, so that their full address may be recorded therein.

The alphabetical listing may be checked at the following places:

1. All branches of the Population Registry, Ministry of the Interior
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Dr. M. Shoham
National Inspector for Elections

Jerusalem District wishes to contact

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THE LEADERSHIP STAKES

THE CONTEST is on for the leadership of the Labour Party — and thus, that party assumes, the next premiership.

In a formal sense it was started a while ago by former Foreign Minister Abba Eban and it could end with the choice of a "dark horse" such as Justice Minister Haim Zadok. But for all intents and purposes it has begun only now with the challenge just flung by Defence Minister Shimon Peres to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and it is between these two that it will be waged.

The possibility of Mr. Peres putting forward his candidacy has been mentioned for several months now. Indeed, there is reason to believe that Mr. Rabin's show of forceful initiative in bringing on the cabinet crisis was devised, in part, with Mr. Peres in mind. But it has only caused the Defence Minister to declare his intentions earlier than originally planned.

Mr. Rabin has not concealed his opinion that such a challenge by a member of his own team is not only unseemly but illegitimate, and that it remains so even though Mr. Peres is by law no longer able to vacate his cabinet seat even if he wanted to. Mr. Rabin appears to favour a two-term mandate for the party's nominee as Prime Minister, opening the field up for only the third term. This would effectively bar Mr. Peres at this time.

Mr. Peres takes a different view. In his book it is not only quite permissible, but highly desirable, for the party to change its top guard every four years, with the general elections. This would, appropriately enough, make the Defence Minister the party's natural choice for Prime Minister at this time — although Mr. Rabin's cabinet, having started late and finished early, would only have lasted some three years.

Neither position, however, has any warrant in constitutional custom or in political principle, and is merely an embellished restatement of personal interest. The Labour Party is properly governed in the nomination, or re-nomination, of its emissaries in the government only by its own assessment of their qualities of leadership, proven or expected.

That is the real issue in the present party contest. Clearly Mr. Peres would not have mounted his challenge to Mr. Rabin had he not been persuaded that his chances were at least fairly even; or, in any case, that his support would be so solid as to make him politically invulnerable to any act of reprisal. His decision, therefore, reflects not differences on policy, although these exist, but rather what he takes to be a widespread party view of the Rabin leadership.

He need not be very much mistaken. Mr. Rabin's Labour cabinet team has lately come under withering fire from party members — and much of the criticism was obliquely aimed at his own lacklustre performance as captain of that often infirm and insipid team. Mr. Rabin may rightly place some of the blame for this on Mr. Peres himself, whose conduct has not uniformly been a model of loyalty to the chief. But it is equally true that the Prime Minister, for his part, has not always given the Minister of Defence the backing which he, in turn, requires and deserves.

Wherever the fault lies, the fact remains that Mr. Rabin has failed in the two-and-a-half years of his incumbency to establish his pre-eminence over his erstwhile rival sufficiently to block the present challenge.

The present contest thus became unavoidable. What the Labour Party can do, however, is see to it that the debate is conducted in a civil manner and in comradely spirit. That way, instead of a target for Opposition gibes, it would be a lodestar for parties whose leadership is either in a state of total chaos, or is frozen in an antediluvian posture.

It has been predicted that the ensuing struggle would tear the Labour Party apart, and lead to calamitous defections. This need not be so, unless such predictions are constantly repeated; for they tend to be self-fulfilling.

Political stirrings in the kibbutz

By ALLAN E. (AVBAHAM) SHAPIRO

THERE IS NEW LIFE at the grassroots in Israel's political heartland. It achieves public expression in worried gatherings, which serve to reflect the underlying unease afflicting the kibbutz core of Labour Zionism. But even private table-talk, when it turns to politics, has a significance in the communal dining room of the kibbutz which is absent in an urban setting. Although it is no longer the ideological compass that it was to the pre-State yishuv, the kibbutz remains today at least a weather-vane for a society that often appears to have lost a sure sense of direction.

The kibbutz has always taken politics seriously. In some wings of the kibbutz movement the individual kibbutz formed a cell in a kibbutz-oriented political party. Even where kibbutz and party constituted autonomous spheres, there was seldom doubt where ultimate authority in political questions resided.

While deeply involved politically, the individual kibbutz member was a passive actor. An avid newspaper reader, he took his cue from the movement press, whose views he accepted loyally and with a minimum of critical doubt. Seldom apathetic, the kibbutz often reinforced total commitment with total reliance on the political judgment of the movement's leadership. In extreme cases, he was something of an enthused robot.

Accustomed to active participation in the governing of his own community, the kibbutz membership expressed itself in a passive mood when electing representatives to party organs. The choices: movement types, representatives of the movement in the kibbutz, who could be counted on to bring the word down from the party councils to the local settlement, rather than up from the rank and file to the leadership. Typically, they were a very different breed from the office-holders in the kibbutz administration.

"Askani" retains a dictionary meaning of public service, but it long ago acquired a connotation in the kibbutz lexicon of self-serving ambition. Careerist office-holders became separated from the kibbutz membership both in life-style and in perception. As an observer of French politics once remarked, two members of Parliament, one of whom is a revolutionary, have more in common than have two revolutionaries, one of whom is a member of Parliament.

WHILE KIBBUTZNICKS continue to be represented in public offices out

of all proportion to their numbers in the general population, their over-representation is declining both in quantity and in influence. This was particularly true for Mapai before the creation of the Israel Labour Party. The fact that the Secretary-General of that party is a kibbutz member is more an indication of the lessened importance of that once strategic position than it is of kibbutz influence in party councils.

In the past, kibbutzniks were typically one-party affairs. Deviants were tolerated but expected not to engage in organisational activities on behalf of their party. (Often they were individuals who had married out of their political faith, unions between members of different kibbutz movements being jokingly referred to as mixed marriages.) On election day the relatively small number of voters in the kibbutz polling district, and their high degree of homogeneity made even the secrecy of the ballot a device of limited use in keeping the privacy of democracy's most sovereign act.

The new political stirrings in the kibbutz mean goodbye to all that. Organized efforts, such as those that led to the recent stock-taking

gatherings, have come from the ground up. The movement press has lost its old authority. Today it is one source of political information and opinion among many, in which television and commercial newspapers are prominent. Innovating deviance has a new legitimacy.

Symbols of old loyalties have lost their meaning. Some kibbutzniks still display the red flag along with the national colours on ceremonial occasions. A kindergarten child explained its significance to a visitor in one kibbutz: "The red flag is the flag of the working class. The blue and white one is ours."

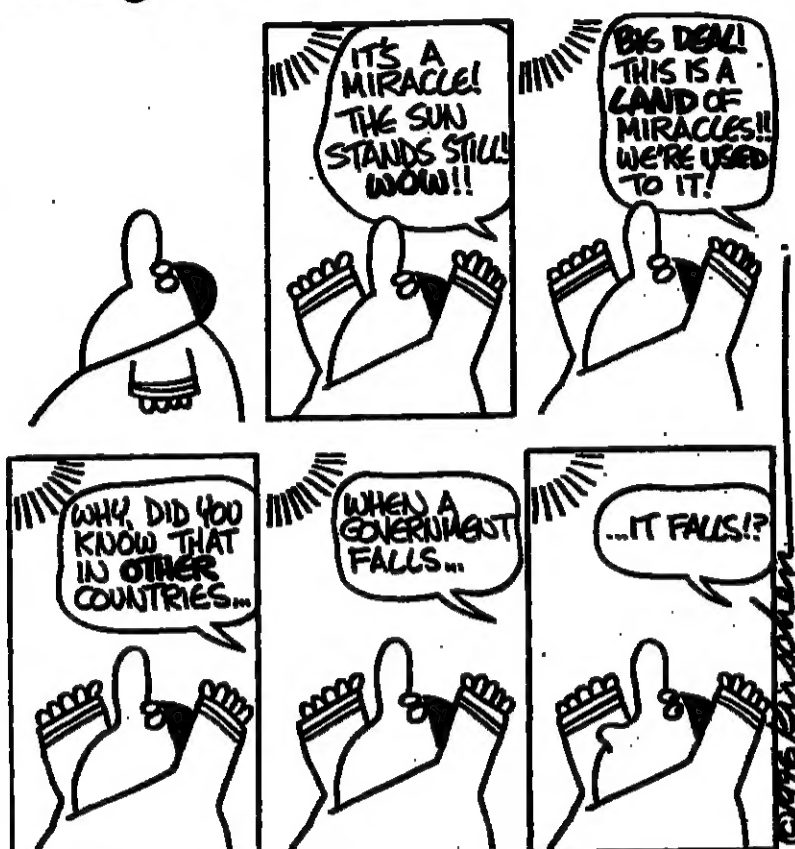
Initially, the decline in the fervour of the traditional political faiths brought with it a partial withdrawal from political activity. The political conflicts of the early 1960's, often over issues — such as the Korean War — of little relevance for the local scene, had split the kibbutz movement. With the scars still unhealed, a lowering of the political temperature within the kibbutz became a conscious aim of movement policy in the latter years of that decade in the Mapai-oriented Kibbutz Federation. In 1968 all Mapai-affiliated settlements organizations became "regions" within the party, thus making the kibbutz autonomous in the political realm.

THIS AUTONOMY proved its worth when the split in Mapai that led to the creation of Ben-Gurion's Rafi break-away faction did not lead to cleavage in the kibbutz. Kibbutz Federation, the Ihud secretariat advised its affiliated kibbutzniks to bypass election political rallies on kibbutz premises. The movement was backtracked when it appeared the ban favoured Rafi, whose big name leaders drew large crowds at regional rallies.

Today, kibbutz rank and file members are demanding open debates on political issues with representatives of conflicting view-points. The political temperature is going up but in an atmosphere of open questioning, not of close-minded enthusiasm. In fact, in the very first wave of political protest after the Yom Kippur War, the Ihud, under pressure of the younger generation fresh from the battle-fields, declared its commitment to greater involvement in the larger society.

Clearly a corner has been turned. In recent months, the new stirrings within kibbutz, show little inclination to satisfaction with the old-time religion. Instead, there is an earnest pursuit of the answer "What went wrong?" The kibbutz is still a potential force for radical change, both despite its hard-won affluence and because of it.

Dry Bones



READERS' LETTERS

THE RABIES CRISIS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Ms. Even-Chen has correctly indicated that "the fear of rabies is often greatly out of proportion to the actual presence of that disease" without stating why this is so. As a former member of the Secretariat of the World Health Organisation and currently a member of its Expert Panel on Diseases Transmissible from Animal to Man, I can state that this is not simply "panic," but a world-wide recognition of the fact that, until today, rabies remains essentially an incurable disease once signs appear, with terrible and painful symptoms. Thus, everywhere the reaction of responsible public health authorities has been to over-react and to over-react to prevent the appearance of this incurable wound in man and the explosion of animal cases in the community.

Although human beings given adequate treatment immediately after exposure are generally blocked from developing the disease, it must be remembered that with rabies treatment, one is engaged in a race against time and one is sometimes too late and loses the race.

While the disease exists in most parts of the world in various wildlife species as well as in domestic animals, it is generally spread in urban centres (such as Jerusalem) by dog to dog contact and occasionally by other animals, such as the cat. A bitten and infected dog may show no signs of the disease for months afterwards and unless prompt and appropriate action is taken to find and eliminate all potential carriers.

the disease may explode within the community. It is thus a potential biological time bomb unless appropriate and rapid community action is taken. Panic, no, full and rapid response — yes.

It is plain that Ms. Even-Chen has not seen many clinical cases of furious rabies. If she had, she would know that signs are not fixed and that it is not so simple to avoid the attack of a rabid dog "simply by stepping out of the way." Behaviour of these dogs is not rational or predictable and frequently they will attack any moving object including a person trying to get out of their way. It is advisable, when one finds oneself in the path of a "mad dog," to seek the nearest protective shelter one can find as fast as one can.

Secondly, we would advise any person bitten by a suspected rabid dog to:

1. Take note of the dog so that he can be identified later.
2. Flush the wound immediately with large volumes of soap and water — the more water the better.
3. Seek medical help.

Fortunately most communities in Israel have a community veterinarian trained and able to give the necessary advice to their authorities and citizens. I would strongly urge the health authorities and dog owners to heed their advice and to be less concerned with the question of over-reaction today than have to say, "I'm sorry" to the bereaved families tomorrow.

Prof. DANIEL COHEN
Beersheba.

THE P.N.A. MEETING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I was astonished to read the report of your Washington Correspondent (December 17) according to which Israel had no objections to West Bankers participating in the 1974 Cairo Conference of the Palestine National Assembly.

As a matter of fact, the military governor "warned" West Bankers who had received written invitations not to attend the 1974 meeting. This "warning" was sufficient and not a single one of them went to the meeting. The same "warning" was issued this month, as reported by The Post, and unless the decision is reversed, there will again be no representatives from the administered areas at next month's Palestine National Assembly in Cairo.

GIDEON WEIGERT
Jerusalem.

EMPTY FLATS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Maybe I'm missing the point. On December 9, you reported that the Jewish Agency and the Ministry of Absorption are fighting a war of words over the tremendous lack of immigrant housing. Yet the day before, you reported that Shikun Ordlim, the Histadrut construction company, has over 3,700 apartments for sale, of which they want the government to buy 1,500.

I can't understand how there could be a shortage in view of all those empty apartments.

TEL AVIV. RONALD A. HOOKER

SWEDISH SUPPORT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — A couple of weeks ago, our Vice Premier, Mr. Per Ahlmark, President of the Liberal Party and a long-standing friend of Israel, spoke once again in your favour at a Keren Kayemet meeting here in Stockholm. Although he was criticized by other Members of Parliament who said he was only voicing his own personal opinion and not that of the entire Government, there are many of us here who support him strongly. Please assure your readers that there are tens, if not hundreds of thousands of Christian Swedes who, in these fearful days, are strongly committed to your support.

ANDEAS WIGGOLM,
Member of the Board,
Sweden-Israel Friendship League
Stockholm.

PENFRIEND

INGRID ZIEGLER (16), of Grosswiesenstrasse 158, Zurich, Switzerland, would like to correspond with young Israelis in German, English or French.

Re-alignment in S. Africa

By GWYNNE DYER

NOTHING CONCENTRATES the mind so wonderfully as the imminent prospect of catastrophe. A great many people in South Africa, both black and white, are now scrambling towards new political alignments, hoping somehow to pull peaceful change out of the hat like a last-minute rabbit.

The relentless succession of black riots since June, on top of Angola, Rhodesia and all the other foreign shocks, has not only shocked the last tatters of white complacency. It has also forced the older generation of South African blacks to move quickly if they were not to be made wholly irrelevant by angry black teenagers. In the black townships and the homelands, amongst English-speaking whites, and even in the solid ranks of the Afrikaner community there is a smell of change in the air.

The changes in the English-speaking two-fifths of the white community are the least surprising, because it has long been an unhappy but powerless spectator at a circus run for the Afrikaners by their political front, the Nationalist Party. The mostly English-speaking United Party (U.P.), which tried to straddle the central issue by advocating the vote for non-whites, but on a strictly limited franchise, has been losing support for years, and has become politically insignificant.

Last month, the two smaller parties into which English-speaking support had been draining, met with Sir de Villiers Graaff, the U.P. leader, in an attempt to organise a joint policy towards the crisis. The Progressive Reform Party and the Democratic Party both proposed that the U.P. get off the fence and join them in accepting full power-sharing and an end to all racial discrimination.

Sir de Villiers Graaff generously offered to resign if that would ease the uneasy of an anti-apartheid white coalition. Though thought still probably not avert a split in the

United Party, with some supporters going over to the Nationalists. Nevertheless, what was left would constitute a sizeable white political party whose principles would come within shouting distance of moderate black political demands.

The most astonishing change has been in the black South African community. It had two triggers. One was the anxiety of older urban blacks at the frightening brew of political radicalism and violence that was sweeping their own school-age children. The other was the beginning of the implementation of Afrikaanderdom's "final solution," the Bantustan policy, with the granting of independence to Transkei on October 26.

THE RESPONSE was the announcement on 29 November of the Black United Front. It is a new political party aimed at grouping middle-class urban blacks and the mass of Africans still leading more or less traditional lives in the "homelands" into a moderate anti-apartheid movement.

One clear aim of the new party is to prevent the hiving off of further homelands into a national independence which would deprive South African blacks of any claim to the wealth of the country they have helped to build. (Significantly, Chief Buthe, the U.P. minister of the KwaZulu homeland, the biggest of them all, made the announcement.) Beyond that, it is an attempt to wrest back control of black politics from the increasingly radical young radicals, and to offer the whites some black grouping they could actually negotiate with.

The only whites who really count when it comes to negotiating, however, are the Afrikaners, who have three-fifths of the white population and a monopoly on political

power. Even there, there have been untold hints of change recently. The Afrikaans language press, for instance, has shifted from long and unwavering support for every government policy, to a new line profoundly critical of the government's whole stonewalling response to black demands. Even within the Cabinet there are Ministers who are clearly unhappy with the way things have been going.

The Nationalists no longer present a solid phalanx of resistance to change, and on the left of the overlight (enlightened) wing in Afrikaner politics you can even find influential people who would accept marriage across the colour line. After all, they argue, South Africa's two million Coloureds (mixed-race) have taken on the Afrikaners' language and the culture that goes with it, so the survival of Afrikaanderdom — every Afrikaans-speaker's national obsession — is clearly not threatened by even the most radical desegregation.

All this may just be so much weak meaning hot air, beside the stark reality of an uncompromising and youthful black power movement that already dominates the townships, and is increasingly present in the homelands as well. The white liberals of both languages may never be able to move fast enough to catch up with black demands, and the powerful black student leaders and the founders of the "black consciousness" movement have already dismissed Buthe's new party as an irrelevance and a gathering of Uncle Toms.

Violence usually drives out reason, so history will probably say that they were right. The very first terrorist bombing in central Johannesburg, on December 7th, was an amateurish and faintly ludicrous affair which only injured its perpetrator but that is how these things usually start. They end up a great deal uglier. But there is still some hope that it doesn't have to end that way.

POSTSCRIPTS

THE NEAREST to a modern Tower of Babel seems to be the Tower of Babelmont in Brussels.

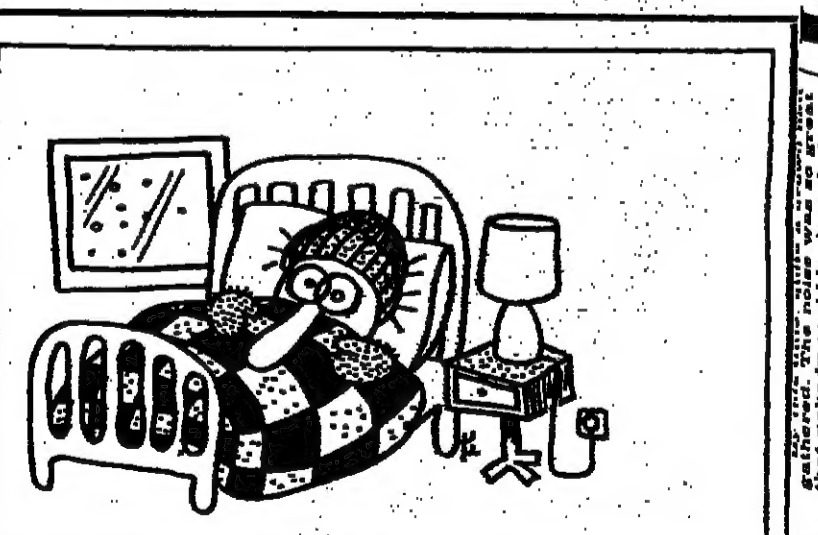
The 13 storey glass and steel tower built on the site of an old convent is the headquarters of the European Commission, the men who run the European Economic Community. At the beginning, when the Community consisted of the original "Six," the Commission made do with four working languages — Dutch, French, German and Italian.

When in 1973 the "Six" became the "Nine," with the entry of Britain, Denmark and Ireland, two more languages were added — English and Danish. (The Irish, not all of whom speak Irish, agreed to use English.) Today, two out of every five members of Berlaymont's 7,443 strong staff are employed in translation, interpretation and allied work. Greece, Spain and Portugal are now in line to enter the Community, and the language problem is becoming mind-boggling. Some of the EEC technocrats wonder why the United Nations, with over 140 member states can manage with five official languages.

One suggestion being aired in Brussels, according to veteran foreign correspondent William Forrest, is that the EEC should recognize two language tiers: English, French, German and Italian should be accepted as the official working languages, while only legal documents would appear in the

language of smaller countries. The Dutch and the Danes would probably be content with such an arrangement Forrest says, since people whose mother-tongue is not

widely spoken are usually multilingual. He comments drily that William the Silent of The Netherlands was taciturn in five languages.



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Wake Up!

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Creative Computer

I WOUND DOWN the window of my car and shouted to the teenage boy who had just passed in front of me. "Do you know me?"

It was dusk on a late autumn day in Tel Aviv. It had been raining. The roads were wet and visibility was not too good. It was one of those days when it is not exactly cold, but distinctly not warm. On such days people are always either over-dressed or do not wear quite enough to keep out the chill: teenage girls grip their habitually folded arms just a little harder, making themselves more compact, trying to concentrate themselves into something warmer.

Tenage boys slouch a little. Their normally straight shoulders bend somewhat, and they are not quite sure where to put their hands, so their arms either hang limply or wave irregularly as they walk and talk.

A group of such teenage boys had walked lachrymatically in front of my car, as I was turning right on a sharp bend in the road. The approach of the car did not influence the boys. Obvious to the danger to themselves, they strode into the road, directly in the path of the car, a challenge to the driver. I braked sharply and came to a stop. The last boy to cross must have touched the front fender. He looked disdainfully at the car.

Can I Drive?

By YULUS

I was horrified. A slight error on my part, or a little less care, or an unreliable brake, and that handsome young boy would have been dead. Suppose that I had been travelling faster, just a little faster? These boys did not care. They had decided to cross the road. Let the driver beware!

"Do you know me?" I called. The young boy turned to look at me now instead of at the car. "No," he said hesitantly, a little puzzled. "Why do you ask?"

"Do you know how well I can drive?" I asked sharply.

"No," he said. "Why should I?"

"Because," I shouted, thinking to shock him, "I don't know how to drive at all!"

He was startled. I could see across must have touched the front fender. He looked disdainfully at the car.

fellow, tall and aggressive, shouted back, "Then why are you driving?"

"Very sharp," I thought, "here is intelligence and wit and I replied, "Because this is not my car!"

"Not your car?" a few of them cried in unison. "Then why are you driving it?"

"Because I like driving," I replied, knowing that this was not what they wanted to hear.

"Then whose car is it?" queried the spokesman. "I lied to shock them. I've just stolen it!"

There was a momentary silence. And then a cry, "What! You've stolen it?"

Some people passing obviously overheard. "Who stole what?" I heard someone ask.

"He says he has stolen the car," shouted one of the boys.

"Thief!" shouted someone else, knowing these things. You had no idea how good or bad a driver I was. I lied to you to shock you, because in reality it is you who are mad, but I hope you will be just a little more sane as a result of this incident. Kindly get off the road and let me go." I revved up the engine.

"Not insured!" somebody yelled. "And the car is stolen!" I heard. "Why is he telling everyone?"

"He must be mad!" suggested someone else quietly.

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HELP!

By ELLIOT REECHAM

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: While clearing out my cupboard a few days ago, I found a piece of paper with a riddle written on it in my own handwriting. I have no idea where the riddle originated, or if I was ever able to solve it in the past. All I know is that I can't solve it now. Hour after hour I try this solution and that; I cannot sleep; I am neglecting my work; I'm off my food; I go around feverishly muttering the clues. So I appeal to readers of "Kaleidoscope" to come to my rescue.

Here is the riddle: David Thompson was murdered on a side-road, two kilometres out of Beersheba at 2.30 p.m. on December 18. The police arrested five suspects in Tel Aviv a week after the murder. They were Aaron, Motke, Reuven, Moshe and "the man with a limp." Each of the suspects gave four answers to the police. Three answers were correct and one was false. These were the answers:

- (1) I was in Haifa when Thompson was murdered;
- (2) I have never murdered anyone in my life;
- (3) "The man with the limp" is the murderer;
- (4) Moshe and I are good friends. We have known each other for a long time.

Motke:

- (1) I did not murder Thompson;
- (2) I have never possessed a gun;
- (3) "The man with the limp" knows me;
- (4) I was in Tel-Aviv on the night of December 18.

Reuven:

- (1) One of us is guilty;
- (2) The murder took place on the first day of Hanukkah;
- (3) Motke lied when he said that he never possessed a gun;
- (4) Aaron was in Haifa during the time of the murder.

Moshe:

- (1) I didn't murder Thompson;
- (2) "The man with the limp" was never in Beersheba before;
- (3) I have never seen Aaron before;
- (4) Motke was with me in Tel-Aviv on the night of December 18.

The man with the limp:

- (1) I didn't murder Thompson;
- (2) I have never seen Motke before in my life;
- (3) I have never been in Beersheba before;
- (4) Aaron lied when he said that I was guilty of the murder.

(Readers of Kaleidoscope are invited to submit to us their solutions to this riddle, so as to put Elliot Reecham out of his misery. Apart from their experiencing the joy of helping a sufferer, three readers submitting solutions will receive prizes, given to the first three correct solutions opened on January 8, 1977. Please mark envelopes "Kaleidoscope murder problem.") □

By this time, quite a crowd had gathered. The noise was so great that nobody could be heard clearly. I switched on my bright headlights, pressed my booter, and shouted with all the authority I could muster, "Quiet! Quiet!"

The noise subsided.

"Somebody," I shouted, "said that I must be mad. If that is the case, what do you think of them?" Here I pointed an accusing finger at the boys. "They have just walked out into the road in front of a madman driving a two-ton monster of moving metal. They walked out without looking, without caring, without knowing whether I was looking, without knowing whether I was capable of stopping in time or whether my brakes were working. They just walked out without giving a damn!"

So who do you think is mad?"

I paused. There was complete silence.

"Listen," I continued in a lower and more tired tone, "this is my car. I am insured, and the brakes work well. Fortunately for you, I am a good and careful driver. What is more I take extra care at this time of day. But you couldn't know these things. You had no idea how good or bad a driver I was. I lied to you to shock you, because in reality it is you who are mad, but I hope you will be just a little more sane as a result of this incident. Kindly get off the road and let me go." I revved up the engine.

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...IS PRETTY QUICK ON THE DRAW. TOO QUICK, IF YOU ASK US! HE MADE SIX MISTAKES IN COPYING HIS COWBOY DRAWING.

OH, AND WHILE WE'RE ON THE TOPIC, WE'RE LOOKING FOR A KALEIDOSCOPE CARTOONIST. SO IF YOU'RE QUICK ON THE DRAW, SEND US IN SOME BLACK AND WHITE CARTOONS. WHO KNOWS? MAYBE YOU'LL BE LOOKING AT YOUR CARTOONS IN THIS BOX SOON. PRINT YOUR NAME, AGE, AND ADDRESS ON THE BACK AND MAIL TO: KALEIDOSCOPE CARTOON P.O. BOX 81 JERUSALEM... AND GOOD LUCK!

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HANUKKA FOR DIPLOMATS

FOR THE SECOND time during a Jewish holiday, the wife of Israel's President, Nina Katzir, was also there.

Children of diplomats in Israel were guests at a Hanukkah party given by Mrs. NINA KATZIR, the President's wife. ORLEWIS was also there.

The aim of the gathering was to explain to these youngsters the meaning of Hanukkah, and to share it with them in a small way. As Christmas was also just around the corner, it seemed a most fitting time to stage a party.

While waiting for the President's wife to begin the proceedings, we listened to the Jerusalem Municipality String Orchestra, playing for us on their guitars and mandolins.

The afternoon, (by now it was evening) was opened by Mrs. Katzir on an apologetic note about her English not being good, but to me it certainly seemed good enough for the occasion. Mrs. Katzir went on to welcome the guests and to explain the reason for the gathering.

Dr. Geoffrey Wigoder spoke next, and gave a brief account of the historical meaning of Hanukkah. He explained why we light the candles and play with tops. Then he showed us some examples of Hanukkiot.

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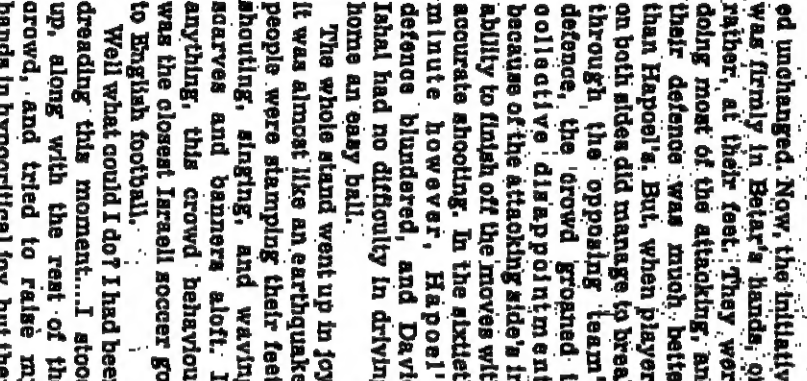
READERS LETTERS

Education compared

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biology and physics. In American one would be taught in the fifth grade.

Bible studies are separated into "Torah" and "Prophets," whereas Social Studies are confined to the History of the Jews. The physical education programme is much more extensive.



delighted to get such a broad background in the early years of my life — something I would not get in most American yeshivas.

We averaged 14-16 pupils in each of the 12 grades.

When I was in the 8th grade, my family spent the Soviet vacation in Israel. At the time I had two sisters learning in a B'nai Akiva Yeshiva, and they urged my brothers and me to look at some of the B'nai Akiva yeshivos.

I vividly remember how impressed I was when I first saw the lunch room, at the B'nai Akiva Yeshiva "Nely Mel", which now serves 800 students. "Wow, they would then lead the morning

the U.S.A.

Life went on. I can recall my life went on in the afternoon. We (the boys) would start off with the Bible — and go on to the Bible — Torah, and go on to the Bible — Prophets, or Laws.

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"Gemara," "Halachah," and "Hefseiv," which gives the Bible studies a degree of importance far above that of the secular subjects. Here Bible and Talmud studies are just some of the numerous subjects taught throughout the week.

Never in my life have I studied so many subjects as I studied in High School.

Then, again, there are the small things which brighten up the life pattern. Such as walking into class one morning and finding out we'll be having four extra free periods a week for the next month because the math teacher is on reserve duty.

A religious boy coming to an Israeli yeshiva High School rather than going to an American one will receive a superior education in general studies, but lose the

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the difference in alcohol content, cond cans display the different kinds of wrappings used; this was a very colourful display indeed.

understanding the whole year. During the year, we had to study those seven subjects in seven different classes with completely different students, so that it was difficult to establish close relationships.

3) We thought that the American honour system, which forbids cheating, makes children behave in a very unchildlike way — to put it mildly. We have a story of a girl who was copying from a book during a test (she was from a foreign country) and two boys went up to the teacher and denounced her. This system leads to a pronounced lack of group solidarity amongst the students and to exaggerated competition. We do not approve of cheating but it is not the duty of one student to tell

on the other.

There are certainly positive sides to the American educational system. It allows more independence and initiative in learning. The schools are much better equipped with better educational aids than are used in the Israeli schools, but this is due to the difference in the economic position of the two countries. It is evident that a general comparison between the two systems — the Israeli and the American — is not altogether as favourable to the American one as Kfir believes.

ERAN KATZ
A student in 11th grade American, Bible studies are taught in Hebrew.

Luckily, one of my three room-mates was an American-turned-Israeli. Communications with the other two room-mates was possible only through translation. It took me some time to get adjusted to the new culture, but even though I've already adapted, there are many things I still don't understand. For instance, in American, Bible studies are taught in Hebrew.

We would like, therefore, to take this opportunity to explain ourselves to your readers.

Hashachar, which incorporates young Judeas (ages 8-13) and Hamaqsholim (college level) is the largest Zionist youth movement in the United States. It is an autonomous peer-led youth movement sponsored by Hadassah. The primary goal of Hashachar is education of our members towards Jewish values, Israeli and Zionist ideals (i.e., unique and pioneering). One of the unique characteristics of Hashachar is its acceptance of all Jewish youth Orthodox, Conservative or Reform.

Our movement also has a link with the Israeli Scouts, and we are proud of Kibbutz Ketura, located in the Arava, which was established by former members who are past-year course participants. There is currently a group from the year course there, participating in an adult education course.

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Members of Hashachar year course presently on Kibbutz Ketura.

I, currently based at the Hadassah Youth Center, M.L. Seoups. Other programs emphasize work in kibbutzim, in moshavim and development towns.

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